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### SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

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**TOPIC:** Establishment of the Center for Academic Transformation.

**COMMITTEE:** Effectiveness and Efficiency

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** October 17, 2012

**SUMMARY:** The University System proposes establishing a Center for Academic Transformation in the USM Office reporting to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The intended purpose of this Center is to provide leadership and coordination of academic transformation initiatives in the USM. The emerging model is for institutions to create a culture of innovation. The Center will assess trends and opportunities within the USM and nationally, raise external funds to support initiatives, and support and disseminate best practices to USM institutions. The Center will have a small permanent staff and a rotating cohort of faculty Fellows from USM institutions and elsewhere. The expectation is that innovative practices will be translated into sustained academic transformation across the USM.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** This item is presented for information and discussion purposes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This item is presented for information and discussion purposes.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for information and discussion purposes.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Received as information.      DATE: October 17, 2012

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