



TOPIC: Executive Director, University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Student Life

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: June 5, 2013

SUMMARY: The University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI) is a consortium of 16 libraries at the public universities and colleges in Maryland. USMAI's mission is to provide unified, cost effective, and creative approaches to the acquisition and sharing of information and knowledge resources across the 16 libraries. The consortium supports the shared mission of its member campuses to contribute to the intellectual and cultural growth of our students, faculty, and staff.

USMAI is pleased to announce the hiring of its first executive director, Charles "Chuck" Thomas. Mr. Thomas comes to the consortium with an extensive background in academic libraries and consortial services, and brings an expert knowledge of both the challenges facing today's academic libraries and emerging innovative responses to those challenges. He gained much of this knowledge working as a program officer managing the largest competitive grants program offered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the federal government's primary source of support for libraries and museums across the U.S. Prior to that, Mr. Thomas worked for nearly twenty years in various positions within libraries at Duke University, Louisiana State University, the University of Minnesota, and Florida State University and for a statewide consortium that centrally managed library technology infrastructure for the ten institutions of Florida's state university system. He served previously in leadership and governance positions within multiple statewide and regional library and archives collaborations and consortia, and led a statewide archives training program that was recognized for superior outcomes.

USMAI is governed by the Council of Library Directors, which consists of the director of each member library. This body develops policies, guidelines, and strategic directions for the consortium. Management and administration of the consortium's shared technical infrastructure is coordinated by the University of Maryland Libraries Information Technology Division, located at UMCP. The Executive Director's office is located in USM Academic Affairs.

ALTERNATIVE(S): This is an information item only.

FISCAL IMPACT: This is an information item only.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: This is an information item only.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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