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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,  
INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

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**TOPIC:** Director, Center for Innovation and Excellence in Learning and Teaching

**COMMITTEE:** Education Policy and Student Life

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** June 5, 2013

**SUMMARY:** On November 2, 2012, the Committee of the Whole approved the establishment of the University System of Maryland's Center for Innovation and Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CIELT). CIELT will enable an expansion of existing system-led efforts for collaboration, enhance opportunities for funding of new initiatives, provide a resource for research in determining effective redesign models, and enable the USM to secure and expand its leadership position for the benefit of its students.

USM is pleased to introduce the new director for CIELT, Dr. M.J. Bishop. Most recently, Dr. Bishop was an Associate Professor of Instructional Design and Technology in the College of Education's Teaching, Learning, and Technology Program at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. She taught courses in tools for teaching and learning, instructional design, interface design, and website and resource development and worked with colleagues on the development and delivery of online courses using a variety of asynchronous and synchronous technologies. She has received many awards honoring her distinguished research, teaching, and service.

CIELT will focus on campus action and System coordination of academic transformation and innovation activities. While USM campuses will continue to be engaged in institutionally-supported teaching and learning innovations, CIELT will become a valued resource for our institutions and the higher education community more generally. The Center will bring greater focus, visibility, and fundraising potential to USM's academic transformation efforts. Dr. Bishop is very excited to have this opportunity to help USM continue its trajectory toward becoming a national and international leader in the design of innovative learning environments and dissemination of best teaching practices aimed at making postsecondary degrees more accessible and improving college completion rates. She shares USM's commitment to improving student learning at a lower cost, and she has been a strong advocate of the need to transform higher education in order to succeed in this goal.

**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.

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