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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION, INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: Change in Bylaws Article IX, Section 9 Committee on Effectiveness & Efficiency

COMMITTEE: Committee on Organization & Compensation

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: March 21, 2014

SUMMARY: In 2011, the USM Board of Regents established what was then the Workgroup on Effectiveness and Efficiency (established in 2003) as the Committee on Effectiveness and Efficiency. The change made the E&E initiative the responsibility of a standing committee of the Board because it was recognized that our E&E efforts had become a much longer and more intense focus of the board. *(Note: Workgroups and task forces are established to address individual or emerging issues on a short term basis. Article IX: Section 13 of the Bylaws).* The E&E initiative has become so ingrained within the University System of Maryland culture that it is included in all areas of the USM – within both the academic and administrative functions, including academic transformation, business practices, fiscal policies and more. The Board discussed at its fall retreat the possibility of eliminating the standing committee on E&E and charging the other standing committees with oversight of E&E principles within the appropriate areas. The E&E Committee discussed the possibility as well and agrees that the initiatives will continue and flourish within the USM with the oversight of the other standing committee.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Board could vote to maintain the committee

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact, except for a modest cost in reduction of costs for committee meetings.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: The Chancellor recommends abolishing the Committee on Effectiveness and Efficiency (abolishing Article IX, section 13 of the Bylaws) with a charge to the other standing committees to continue oversight of the important effectiveness and efficiency principles that have been a priority of the USM since 2003.

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