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**TOPIC:** New Policy Proposal: USM Policy on Substance Use Disorder Recovery Programs

**COMMITTEE:** Education Policy and Student Life

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017

**SUMMARY:** HB 950 (legislative session 2017) required the Board of Regents to establish general standards and guidelines for a collegiate recovery program to be implemented at the constituent institutions. During the summer, a workgroup of student affairs professionals developed the first draft of this policy. After several rounds of review and comments by the vice presidents for student affairs and provosts, those stakeholder groups have consensus and approve moving forward with this version of the proposal. The proposal has also been reviewed and approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** The policy is mandated by state law, but amendments can be suggested.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Fiscal impact will vary by institution and will depend on their individual recovery program.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** That the Committee on Education Policy and Student Life recommend that the Board of Regents adopt the proposed USM Policy on Substance Use Disorder Recovery Programs.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DATE: November 14, 2017

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BOARD ACTION: DATE:

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## **USM Policy on Substance Use Disorder Recovery Programs Draft – 10.27.17**

### **I. Purpose**

The USM recognizes that it is important for constituent institutions to offer substance use disorder (alcohol and drug addiction) recovery services to their students. The USM Board of Regents requires that the president of each constituent institution, in collaboration with the institution's faculty, staff, and students, develop and implement a Collegiate Recovery Program. This Policy sets forth standards for Collegiate Recovery Programs at USM institutions. Collegiate Recovery Programs may be tailored to each institution's specific circumstances but must, at a minimum, satisfy the standards set forth in Section III of this Policy.

### **II. Definitions**

Collegiate Recovery Program – a program that provides support and services for students enrolled at a constituent institution who are recovering from substance use disorders (alcohol and/or drug addiction).

### **III. Standards**

Each institution's Collegiate Recovery Program shall:

1. Make information and resources on substance use disorder recovery services available to all students, easily accessible within the institution's web presence, and easily located from the main page via key search terms. Examples of such information and resources include, but are not limited to, a list of community resources and/or information for finding community-based recovery meetings (e.g., 12-Step models) that are open to students.
2. Have the ability to respond to crisis situations involving alcohol or other substances, and to provide follow-up intervention, support and/or referral to local resources for treatment.
3. Make students aware of substance-free social programs and activities, if the institution offers social programs and activities.
4. Provide space for programs and meetings for students interested in recovery and sobriety at no cost and as available. Such space shall be owned and operated by the institution, need not be dedicated space, and may be a classroom or other space students can reserve.
5. Comply with State and Federal laws and regulations regarding confidentiality of student information.