



TOPIC: UMUC requests authorization to move approximately 100 IT Department employees to AccelerEd, a wholly owned subsidiary of UMUC Ventures.

COMMITTEE: Committee of the Whole

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: June 16, 2017

SUMMARY: On June 24, 2016, the Board of Regents approved the investment by UMUC in UMUC Ventures, a holding company. The action item stated, in part, “. . . UMUC also intends to identify other UMUC resources and assets, including positions, which would enhance UMUC Ventures’ operational and commercialization potential. . . .”

Such an opportunity is at hand with the creation of AccelerEd, a wholly owned subsidiary of UMUC Ventures, and the transfer of UMUC's IT Department to that subsidiary. Approval by the Board of Regents for this transfer is requested today. This action involves the transfer of approximately 100 exempt, non-union employees, on or about September 1, 2017. Employees will be afforded comparable benefits to what they enjoy today and will continue to receive the same salary. All exempt IT employees will be offered positions as part of this transfer.

UMUC will contract with UMUC Ventures to provide UMUC with the same scope of services as UMUC receives today from its IT Department. UMUC will be provided those services through AccelerEd.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The Board of Regents could refuse to authorize this transfer.

FISCAL IMPACT: Most of the costs for these services will be paid through the existing UMUC IT Department budget with the balance coming from other existing UMUC budgeted funds.

CHANCELLOR’S RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Regents approve the transfer of approximately 100 UMUC IT Department employees to AccelerEd, a wholly owned subsidiary of UMUC Ventures.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

BOARD ACTION:

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