**TOPIC:** Update: USM Civic Education Workgroup

**COMMITTEE:** Education Policy and Student Life

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

**SUMMARY:** The USM Civic Education Workgroup is charged with making recommendations for system-wide initiatives to help our students graduate as more active and effective citizens. The group is focused on civic education, civic engagement, and civic responsibility. The goal of the Workgroup is to ensure all graduates are prepared to accept their responsibility as citizens and to be civically engaged members of society.

The Workgroup recently received a presentation from Dr. John Reiff, Director of Civic Learning and Engagement, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. The Workgroup is developing a survey to collect evidence from USM institutions about work they are doing around civic engagement and working to help set institutional and system-wide goals for student learning outcomes.

Members of the workgroup include: Joann Boughman (USM), Antoinette Coleman (USM), Wayne McIntosh (UMD), Deb Moriarty (TU), Karen Olmstead (SU), Nancy Shapiro (USM), William Shorter (BOR), Tom Slater (Former BOR), Darlene Smith (UB), and Roger Ward (UMB).

Staff advisors include Stephanie Hall (USM), Leslie Lindeman (USM), Alison McCartney (TU), Dewayne Morgan (USM), and Nancy O’Neill (USM); Nancy Shapiro is chair of the Workgroup.

Dr. Shapiro will share updates and next steps.

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

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This is an information item.

**CHANCELLOR’S RECOMMENDATION:** This is an information item.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Information Only  
**DATE:** November 14, 2017

**BOARD ACTION:**

**DATE:**

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