TOPIC: Resolution to study protection of USM Institutions intellectual property assets

COMMITTEE: Economic Development and Technology Commercialization

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday November 9, 2017

SUMMARY: A resolution is proposed to study the threat and recommend appropriate action to guard against patent trolling of USM intellectual property assets by external parties.

ALTERNATIVE(S): Take no action

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact

CHANCELLOR’S RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends approval.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Approval DATE: Nov 9, 2017

BOARD ACTION: DATE:

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WHEREAS, increased attention is being paid to the security of valuable data and intellectual property which may be accessible online; and

WHEREAS, the institutions that comprise the University System of Maryland (USM) are currently engaged in research activities that lead to disclosure and the eventual application, registration, and award of a legal patent; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the USM to actively address the issue of patent protection as it impacts the system and its institutions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the USM shall undertake a comprehensive review of current practices that monitor and protect USM Institutional patents, examine current best practices, and recommended policies for presentation to the USM Board of Regents for consideration and possible action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this effort shall be coordinated by the USM’s Office of Economic Development and the its Office of Academic and Students Affairs, with findings and any formal recommendations issued prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2019.

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