



**Board of Regents
Committee on Education Policy and Student Life**

**University System of Maryland Office
Wednesday, April 30, 2014**

Minutes of the Public Session

The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life (EPSL) of the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents met in public session on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 in the Chancellor's Conference Room of the University System of Maryland Office in Adelphi, MD. The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Ms. Michaux Gonzales (Chair), Ms. Florestano, Mr. Manizade, Rev. Reid, and Mr. Slater. Chancellor Kirwan was also present.

Also attending were: Ms. Bainbridge, Ms. Baker, Dr. Boughman, Dr. Chandler, Ms. Doyle, Mr. Foster, Ms. Hollander, Ms. Jamison, Dr. Lee, Ms. Moultrie, Ms. Murray, Dr. Passmore, Ms. Ryan, and Mr. Vivona.

Information Item

Regent Gonzales shared that today's meeting is dedicated to reviewing and discussing the proposed mission statements of the USM institutions and regional centers. The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) is charged with producing a statewide plan every four years that outlines the priorities and major goals for the State's postsecondary system. The new state plan, entitled *Maryland Ready*, will guide Maryland higher education through 2017. *Maryland Ready* has identified six overarching goals, which provide direction for moving the postsecondary community forward. Those goals are:

- Quality and Effectiveness
- Access, Affordability, and Completion
- Diversity
- Innovation
- Economic Growth and Vitality
- Data Use and Distribution

USM institutions and regional centers have prepared mission statements with this plan in mind. The institutions have followed guidelines and format specifications promulgated by MHEC. Today, institution presidents and executive directors or their designees will make presentations of the statements and will be available to respond to questions from the Committee.

The presidents, and in many cases, members of the president's cabinet of Bowie; Coppin; Frostburg; Towson; University of Baltimore; University of Maryland, Baltimore; University of Maryland, Baltimore County; University of Maryland Center for Environmental Sciences; University of Maryland, College Park; and University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Salisbury's and University of Maryland University College's provosts and USM Hagerstown's and Universities at Shady Grove's executive directors presented their institution's mission statement to the Committee.

Presenters shared the degree to which they have changed their mission statement. There were minimal substantive changes. Topics addressed also included, but were not limited to, institutions' successes, areas for growth, new ventures, partnerships, and potential academic program proposals. Regents were pleased with the institutional representatives' comments and thorough responses to questions. Towson University was asked to include a statement or references to their focus on transfer students. Towson will send those revisions to the Academic Affairs staff, and a revised mission statement will be incorporated into the materials distributed for the June 3, 2014 Education Policy and Student Life meeting. This was the only change requested.

Regent Gonzales noted that a vote on the mission statements will occur at the June 3, 2014 Committee meeting. At that point, regents will vote on whether to recommend that the Board of Regents approve the mission statements before they are submitted to MHEC.

Action Item

Motion to Adjourn

Regent Gonzales called for a motion to adjourn. (Moved by Regent Reid; seconded by Regent Manizade; unanimously approved). Regent Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Regent Louise Michaux Gonzales