AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Criteria for USM Presidential Search

2. INITIATED BY: James H. Page, Chancellor

3. BOARD INFORMATION: X BOARD ACTION:

4. BACKGROUND:

The search committee for the USM president has been formed and is ready to begin its work, led by Committee Chair Trustee James Erwin. One of the first steps of the search is the description of the position and articulation of criteria for selecting the president. This is a foundational step for attracting and selecting a future president who will successfully lead USM for the coming years.

UMS Administrative Procedures for the Recruitment and Selection of Presidents state:

The chancellor on behalf of the Board of Trustees must formally charge each search committee with the responsibility for conducting the search for a president. The charge shall include preferred characteristics to be used as guidelines throughout the search articulated and/or approved by the chancellor and Board of Trustees based on an assessment of the needs of the university and University System. Close collaboration of the chancellor, Board and committee in defining the preferred characteristics will enhance the quality of information to candidates and increase the likelihood of a successful search outcome.

In addition to the criteria identified by the Board of Trustees, the search consultant, Dr. Terry MacTaggart, will conduct interviews of constituent groups and provide the resulting themes to the search committee. The Metropolitan University Steering Committee has also submitted their input on the criteria for the next president.

Trustee Erwin will lead a discussion with the Board about the criteria for the selection of the USM president.

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