AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. **NAME OF ITEM:** Metropolitan University Steering Group Update

2. **INITIATED BY:** Chancellor Page

3. **BOARD INFORMATION:** X **BOARD ACTION:**

4. **BACKGROUND:**

The Metropolitan University Steering Group was formed to “advance the metropolitan university idea at USM. Its goal is to recommend a strategy and implementation plan that will make the Metropolitan University concept the strategic focus of USM going forward, one that will maximize its impact within USM and with its community partners and afford competitive advantage to position USM for growth and success serving the metropolitan region and, by extension, the State.”

The Steering Group, chaired by Professor Emeritus Richard Barringer, issued an interim report in late August and expects to issue its final report soon. Professor Barringer will provide an update on this work.

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