

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

**Minutes
Public Session**



Action Items

Academic Program Proposals

Bowie State University: B.S. Public Health Informatics and Technology

Towson University: Master of Science in Economic Analytics

University of Maryland, College Park: M.A. Hearing and Speech Services

Motion to Adjourn

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The Committee on Education Policy and Student Life (EPSL) of the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents (BOR) met virtually (via Zoom) in closed session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. The meeting was convened at 11:42 a.m. Committee members present were: Regents Smarick (vice chair; presiding), Gooden, Helal, Leggett, Peters, and Wood. Chancellor Perman and Senior Vice Chancellor Joann Boughman were also present.

The following were also in attendance on Zoom: Ms. Bainbridge, Dr. Lee, Dr. Masucci, Mr. McDonough, Dr. Wrynn, and Ms. Wilkerson.

Honorary Degree Nominations

Dr. Zakiya Lee, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff for Academic and Student Affairs, presented this item to the committee. In accordance with the Board of Regents Policy on the Awarding of Honorary Degrees (III-3.00), institutions have submitted nominations for honorary degrees. As the policy stipulates, the full Board will act on the nominations at its February meeting based upon EPSL's recommendations. After the final approval of the nominations, presidents may begin to arrange for the awarding of the honorary degrees. The degrees may be conferred at any time within five years of approval unless withdrawn by the Board for cause. Institutions and USM staff have vetted the nominees and there are no reputational concerns. Additionally, as required by the policy, institutions have identified the internal processes used to obtain these nominations from the faculty, college or department, or a sanctioned Honorary Degree Committee, which includes faculty.

The Committee was presented with 41 nominations from nine (9) institutions. The names of the