

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Education**

10-101.

(L) "STATE PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS THE PLAN FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH REQUIRED TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION UNDER § 11-105(B) OF THIS ARTICLE.

10-209.

(a) The University System of Maryland shall provide through its various campuses and programs a continuum of educational services, including undergraduate education, graduate education, professional programs, and research.

(b) The goal of the University System of Maryland is to achieve and sustain national eminence with each component fulfilling a distinct and complementary mission.

(c) The University System of Maryland shall:

(1) Promote excellence at each campus, in accordance with the skills of the faculty, the needs of the region, and the academic programs offered;

(2) Develop a mission for each campus which builds upon the unique strength of the campus and embodies a diversity of programs;

(3) Recruit and retain nationally and internationally prominent AND DIVERSE faculty members;

(4) Actively pursue research funding and private support; [and]

(5) Promote economic development by creating a well educated work force through undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, targeted research, education extension services, and technical assistance[.];

(6) INCREASE ACCESS FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AND MINORITY STUDENTS;

(7) STIMULATE OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE STATE THROUGH CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES;

(8) ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION AMONG INSTITUTIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STUDENTS; AND

(9) ADDRESS AND RESPOND TO CONTINUING HIGHER EDUCATION NEEDS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AN EDUCATED WORK FORCE IN THE STATE.

11-105.

(b) (2) (I) In consultation with the governing boards and agencies concerned with postsecondary education in the State, the Commission shall develop