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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Commissioner Richard A. Crofts

RE: Information Technology Policies (Item # 114-104-R0102)

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This item creates several new information technology (IT) policies for the University System. They are derived from similar policies adopted by the state Department of Administration last fall for executive branch agencies. When submitted to this Board in January the policies numbered only six, instead of the ten now before the Board. This increase resulted from campus suggestions that, in some instances, separate policies for employees, students and public patrons worked better than an overarching policy applying to all three groups. Mark Sheehan and Ray Ford, IT directors for MSU and UM respectively, are to be commended for circulating these policies throughout their campuses; soliciting input from faculty, staff and students; and for integrating many of the suggestions received into the policies. Because some of the policies are totally new and because the number of policies is large, for ease of reading, only clean copies of the proposed policies are included with the agenda. Anyone wishing copies showing the changes from the original proposals with underlining and stricken language should contact Sherry Rosette in the Office of the Commissioner.