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Christian and Josh –

We have made a request for 78.50 Interim Other Funded FTEs through the Budget Office. They have indicated that they are going to speak to you all about these FTEs. I wanted to provide you some information regarding this request.

Our System went for many years without increasing our Other Funded FTEs. With our dramatic enrollment increases from 2009-2011 and that those increases have been sustained, our System has run out of FTEs for faculty and staff to support the increased close loads and student services. During the initial increases we balanced our need for FTEs by increasing class loads from 15 hours to 18 hours in most of our colleges. As we discussed in our budget request, our need to build capacity to address this sustained enrollment increase and the demands from business and industry to provide education and training opportunities to develop highly skilled workers is what is driving this interim request. We made a request last year during the Senate Finance budget to add FTEs. Full time faculty and staff help provide a stable educational environment for our students as they are able to have office hours and provide extra instruction. We currently utilize adjunct faculty to help assist with teaching. Many of these folks have full time jobs elsewhere and additional hours beyond the classroom is difficult. One of our major objectives for the System is student success and having that additional help from faculty and staff is so important to the success of these students.

These FTEs would be filled now so as to be available for Spring semester. We will not be raising any additional tuition or fees to cover these as we have the funds needed for these positions.

Would be happy to answer any questions – just give me a call.

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