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TO: Members, Commission on Higher Education

FROM: Rosemary Byerly, Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee *RB/828*

SUBJECT: FY 2001-2002 Budget Request for CHE and the Colleges and Universities

Attached is the FY 2001-2002 budget request for higher education. There are eleven (11) CHE items for your consideration.

Also, as part of the higher education budget request, attached on the following pages are twenty (20) below-the-line items requested by the institutions. Below-the-line items are special requests, which are not part of the Mission Resources Requirement (MRR). As you know, the MRR includes operating education and general costs for the institutions.

The Below-the-Line items are summarized on the attached page in three (3) categories. They are Project Approved Initially by Legislation, Competitive Matching Awards, and Other. Brief explanations and background information of each of the 14 items are presented on the attachments labeled "Evaluation Form".

The budget requests are for "**Requested Increases**" only. Non-Recurring items are required to be requested and considered by the Commission annually. Recurring items do not require Commission action, except for increases above prior year and/or the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI).

Please note that the Finance and Facilities Committee has not yet acted on these items. The Committee will consider these requests at its meeting scheduled for September 7, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Commission meeting. For your convenience, staff recommendations are included.

**S.C. COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
BUDGET REQUESTS SUMMARY FOR FY2001-2002**

11.	<i>Statewide Higher Education Center for Information Technology Education</i>	During the 2000 legislative session, the General Assembly appropriated approximately \$4 million to the Commission on Higher Education for a "College and University Technology Initiative." The CHE staff has requested development of a Statewide Higher Education Center for Information Technology Education. It is expected that the Center will focus on business, industry and government need for a workforce who not only understands technology, but who can apply such understanding to create new strategic initiatives and help evolve new business opportunities. This request is to fund the second year of the Center.	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
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