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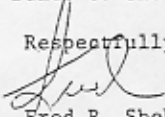
Dear Governor Riley:

In my letter of February 4, 1983, concerning responses of the public colleges and universities to the Budget and Control Board resolution of November 3, 1982, I indicated that the Commission would study further the institutional responses and possibly provide you with additional information in early March. At its March 3 meeting, the Commission reaffirmed its position that no changes should be made in the distribution of 1983-84 salary and equipment enhancement funds allocated by the Commission to the public colleges and universities in October of 1982.

The institutions and the Commission recognize the importance of quality programs in the sciences and in technology and have already shifted funds from other areas to increase funding in high technology programs. A major concern, however, is that further shifts in funding of such programs may be at the expense of the humanities, social sciences, and the education of teachers. High technology education should be offered in the context of a partnership between the arts and sciences.

Given the current revenue picture for 1983-84, if additional reductions in higher education are mandated by the General Assembly or the Budget and Control Board, the Commission recommends that it be given the responsibility of making the reductions as it deems to be in the best interest of the State as a whole. Conversely, if additional funds are made available for higher education for 1983-84 during the current legislative process, the Commission recommends that it be given the responsibility of allocating these funds to the institutions.

Respectfully yours,

  
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Chairman

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