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TO: Budget Committee Members

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SUBJECT: FY06 Summer Semester Tuition Rates

The current general fund allocation and tuition plans that are being presented to the committee are based upon the spending plans adopted by the board and the FY06-07 current general fund/millage levels provided in the executive budget and legislative process. These tuition rates will not be adopted until the May meeting when final legislative action is known. If rates are adopted in May, timing will not allow the rates to be effective for summer semester which is the first semester in FY06. The revenue estimates the campuses have used in developing tuition requirements for FY06 have assumed that the increase in tuition rates will be in effect the entire fiscal year. If summer semester rates are left at the FY05 level, the campuses will be short approximately \$700,000 - \$800,000 in tuition revenue from the planned levels in FY06.

The budget committee may want to discuss the possibility of authorizing the campuses to implement the recommended rates for summer with the understanding that they may need to be adjusted in May for fall and spring semester if the legislative appropriation changes from the current level.

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