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Presidents of the University System of Georgia 270 Washington Street Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Presidents,

Fiscal year 2015 will be a year of many challenges. Changes in the higher education arena require us to fundamentally rethink and reconfigure the University System's structure to conform to the new normal of tighter resources and higher expectations.

Maintaining affordable tuition and fees remains one of the highest priorities of the University System of Georgia. In the spirit of affordability, the System Office and the Board of Regents will <u>not</u> consider requests for new mandatory fees or mandatory fee increases for FY 2015. The only exceptions are as follows:

- 1. Mandatory fee increases needed to support existing PPV projects whose revenues are falling or expected to fall below levels to sustain those projects. However, before requesting an increase you should:
 - a. review all project costs and processes to identify where efficiencies can be realized and expenses reduced;
 - b. explore other sources of revenue, besides fee revenue, to compensate for any actual or anticipated revenue shortage;
 - c. determine the availability of reserves to sustain project; and
 - d. evaluate the project plan to determine whether revisions to the plan to meet the lower revenues levels or estimates are feasible.
- 2. Prior commitments of multi-year mandatory fee plans.

Mandatory fee requests that do not meet either of the conditions must be cleared by John Brown.

Institutions experiencing financial challenges with <u>housing</u> PPVs may want to consider the possibility of a sale and should contact Susan Ridley to discuss.

All templates and supporting documentation must be submitted by the established due date. Submissions, along with significant amendments thereto, received after the due date will not be considered. Detailed instructions and templates will be provided by the Office of Fiscal Affairs under separate cover.

Thank you for your leadership as we strive to create a more educated Georgia.

Sincerely,

Henry M. Huckaby

Chancellor

cc: Chief Business Officers Chief Academic Officers