ACTION ITEM:

Proposed Change to the Campus Initiated Tuition Increase Allocation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On November 3, 2005, the UNCG Board of Trustees approved a Campus Initiated Tuition Increase (CITI) of $280 for 2006-07. Almost 19% of the anticipated revenue ($755,000) was allocated for the establishment of eight new faculty positions, and approximately 26% ($1,049,488) was allocated for student financial aid. Recent planning efforts related to the University’s Fall 2007 mandatory laptop computer ownership program have suggested that our neediest students – those eligible for Pell Grants – will be adversely impacted by this new requirement unless UNCG establishes a grant program to assist them in purchasing the computers. The University’s existing financial aid resources are insufficient to meet this need. Given these circumstances, the University administration has chosen to reassess its deployment of CITI revenues.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro authorize and redirect $477,340 of CITI revenues from faculty lines to financial aid in order to assist needy students in purchasing laptop computers. This action would result in the creation of three new faculty lines instead of eight. The pool of financial aid funds would be augmented over time using other University funds, in the hope that we would ultimately be able to provide each Pell-eligible student with a grant of $1,000. This would require an estimated sum of $700,000. If funds are insufficient to meet this goal, we would award grants on a sliding scale (the amount of the award would be based upon the family’s estimated financial contribution) or provide awards to only the neediest of the Pell-eligible students.

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