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Presidents
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Dear Presidents:

This communication is to make you aware of a decision to phase out the distance learning tuition differential for undergraduate programs over a two-year period. All undergraduate distance learning tuition differentials will be reduced by 50% effective Fall 2018. Your institution should begin to plan and budget accordingly. As evidenced by the audit, distance learning tuition differentials do not exclusively fund distance learning expenses. As such, it is expected that reductions will not be taken solely from distance learning program costs.

Online education is still a priority of the USG. The elimination of the distance learning tuition differential does not indicate a lesser commitment to online education.

A major priority of the University System of Georgia is to ensure that education is affordable for all citizens of Georgia regardless of the mode of delivery. Distance learning, which provides greater convenience and flexibility to students, is a critical pathway for student success.

The Distance Learning Tuition Review Committee is in the process of conducting a survey to better understand the costs of distance learning education. The results of the survey will be used to identify system-wide efficiencies and other strategies to keep online tuition rates low.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Wrigley
Chancellor

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