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Office of the President
December 11, 2001

Members, Board of Trustees:

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUPPORT FEE APPROVAL
FOR THE SPRING 2002 AND SUMMER 2002 SEMESTERS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a Support Fee of \$65 per semester to be assessed to full-time students and a Support Fee of \$6 per credit hour be assessed to part-time students at Lexington Community College for the spring 2002 and summer 2002 semesters pending a determination of state appropriated funds available to support Lexington Community College's operation during the 2002-04 biennium.

Background: As a comprehensive community college, Lexington Community College (LCC) has an open admissions policy which has resulted in significant enrollment growth over the past several years. State support per student at Lexington Community College is approximately 54 percent that provided to its benchmark institutions and is about 87 percent of that of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Resident student tuition has been held constant for several years in order to bring it more in line with that of other KCTCS schools. The Council on Postsecondary Education's state appropriation per student equity funding has not adequately dealt with the disparity of state fund per student at LCC compared to other public institutions in Kentucky.

The enrollment growth resulting from open access has put tremendous pressures on the LCC operating budget with the new tuition generated by the new students providing most of the financial relief to cover the cost of new enrollments. LCC continues to be faced with a high percentage of classes taught by part-time faculty and this situation will increase as enrollments continue to grow.

LCC estimates a significant budget deficit for fiscal year 2002; the Support Fee is proposed as an interim funding measure pending a thorough review of LCC's tuition policies and actions by the 2002 General Assembly regarding state appropriation to Lexington Community College. Lexington Community College is a line item appropriation separate from the appropriation to the University of Kentucky.

Action Taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____