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Deadline: March 5 & 19

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents
Business Officers

FROM: Kennon D. Briggs
Vice President for Business
and Finance

SUBJECT: Surveys
1. Budget Flexibility
2. Sales and Excise Taxes

Enclosed you will find two survey requests for information. Let me say at the outset that I am keenly aware that responding to surveys from the Division of Business and Finance is not all you have to do. I also want to thank you in advance for your assistance in responding to both of these instruments.

The two surveys include an effort to document the need to retain budget flexibility, and a bi-fold attempt at putting some funds back in the pockets of local colleges. Our purposes in soliciting the information are:

1. To thwart attempts at taking away the budget flexibility the system has utilized in lieu of funding for many years, and to not have flexibility lost in the discussion over faculty salaries; and,
2. To prepare a fiscal note for use in supporting legislation seeking the refund of sales and use taxes, and exemption from paying motor fuel excise taxes.

We cannot accomplish these purposes on your behalf without having good information with which to argue our position. Therefore, I know you will respond as you have in the past.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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Enclosures

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