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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Dr. John B. Clark, Interim Chancellor
Subject: Silver LEED Rating in Capital Construction

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") rating system is the national benchmark for high performance green buildings and a tool for green design that establishes goals, identifies design strategies and monitors progress; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the State University shall make best efforts to achieve at least a LEED Silver rating for all new buildings, additions and major rehabilitation projects at State-operated campuses and statutory colleges; and be it further

Resolved that the State University Board of Trustees recommends that each of the boards of trustees of the community colleges under the program of the State University consider adoption of a policy to make best efforts to achieve at least a LEED Silver rating for all new buildings, additions and major rehabilitation projects at its respective community college.

Background

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ("LEED") rating system is the national benchmark for high performance green buildings. The LEED rating system evaluates a project's design in six categories: Sustainable sites, Materials and resources, Water efficiency, Innovation in design, Energy and atmosphere, and Indoor environmental quality. A point system results in LEED certification in one of four levels: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum. Pursuant to Executive Order 111, issued in 2001, the State University has required that all new buildings, additions and major rehabilitation projects at State-operated campuses meet the requirements of a LEED Certified rating.

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By this resolution, the State University undertakes best efforts to achieve the next higher rating level, LEED Silver, in new buildings, additions and major rehabilitation projects at State-operated campuses and statutory colleges, and encourages the board of trustees of each community college to adopt a similar goal.