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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Regents
FROM: David L. Buhler
SUBJECT: USHE – Fiscal Health Dashboard Updates

Issue

The USHE Fiscal Health Dashboards have been updated to reflect FY2016 financial and enrollment data.

Background

In January 2017, the Commissioner's Finance, Facilities and Research staff developed an online fiscal health dashboard to provide a snapshot of how each of the USHE institutions is performing on various key metrics as compared to an established benchmark/target, and to highlight the institution's performance trend overtime. The dashboard focuses on Enrollments, Revenues, Expenditures, and Financial Ratios for each institution. With the completion of the 2016 IPEDS data collection cycle, the Fiscal Health Dashboards have been updated with 2016 financial and enrollment data.

When determining overall financial health of an institution, a quick and key indicator of an institution's financial health is their score on the Composite Financial Index (CFI). The CFI provides an overall picture of the institution's financial health by combining four of the traditional ratios (the primary reserve ratio, viability ratio, return on net assets ratio, and net operating revenues ratio) to produce an overall financial health index score. A financial healthy institution will generally have a CFI index score between three and seven. Scores in this range indicate that an institution has adequate resources to meet its financial obligations while continuing to advance its mission as an institution. For FY2016, the CFI scores for the USHE institutions ranged from 4.71 to 19.63. All data and scores are available on-line at <http://fiscalhealth.higheredutah.org/>.

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item only; no action is required.

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