



To: Paul A. Beck, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

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From: W. Michael Sherman, Vice Provost for Academic Administration

Date: January 25, 2007

Re: **REVISED** - Climate, Water and Carbon

Thank you for submitting your implementation plan for the Targeted Investment in Excellence plan entitled, "Climate, Water and Carbon." It is clear that research, teaching, training and outreach in this critical area will advance our understanding of the unique interactions among these elements and the environment.

As you know, the tentative award of central funds for the five years of the initiative totals \$510,000 and \$11,350,000 in continuing funds and cash, respectively. The first-year allocation of central funding to each college is about \$716,000 in cash. It appears that the total expenditure of cash funds for the first year for the Colleges of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences is about \$1,490,000; and for the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences is \$860,000 in cash. Thus, it appears there is less investment by the colleges of their own resources as was anticipated by the Targeted Investment in Excellence initiative. This will need to be reconciled in the May 2007 annual report.

We support the proposed distribution of the FY06 funds noted above (\$716,000) amongst the colleges as 40:40:20 percent to FAES, MAPS, and SBS, respectively.

Kevin King will work with your fiscal officers to release the first year's central funds in the amounts as indicated above. Attached is a Frequently Asked Questions sheet related to the Targeted Investment in Excellence Plan and the Board of Regents Innovation and Incentive Initiative to support high-quality doctoral programs.

Attachments

C: Barbara R. Snyder, Executive Vice President and Provost
Kevin King, Assistant Vice President for Fiscal and Human Resources