

Presentation To The  
SC Commission on Higher Education  
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Good Morning.

I am please to be here with you today to present the SC State University budget for fiscal year 2011. The power point presentation was forwarded to staff for your information, and following my brief remarks, I will emphasize those areas of importance for your consideration.

Thank you very much for the work you do as Commissioners in advancing the higher education agenda for our state. Your advocacy role is so important to our students, institution and our state.

As President, my role is to garner resources and provide the best education possible for the students who choose to attend my university. While academic excellence drives our mission, I am also concerned about the maintenance and essential student support functions, creating a safe and secure environment, improving the application and use of technology (student learning and business process), and improving our infrastructure.

In these tough economic times, our resource base comes from three sources: 1) State appropriations; 2) Endowments; and 3) Tuition. Since revenue streams in 1 and 2 have declined since 2007. We have implemented modest increases in tuition to sustain our academic enterprise and stay focused on our mission.

In 2009-2010 and 2010—2011, a significant, yet non-recurring, source of support has come from the Federal Economic Stimulus Funds. These funds had a significant impact on our ability to support critical functions (i.e. PASCAL, improvements in campus security and scholarships). We have also had to stabilize our budgets, as other state agencies by using furloughs and salary freezes.

Let's move now into the prepared budget presentations (Power Point Slides).

Thank you for your attention.

Do you have any questions about my presentation?