Memorandum to Presidents

Date: August 4, 1976

From: Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor of the University

Subject: TAP Processing Delays and Tuition Deferral Authority

It now appears that many of your students will not have received tuition assistance (TAP) award certificates in time to meet your regular deadline for payment of tuition. The Higher Education Services Corporation is encountering computer difficulties that are preventing production of TAP award certificates.

As of this writing 215,000 applications have been submitted by students expecting to attend SUNY and the independent colleges. Thus, it is likely that a very large proportion, if not most, of your TAP eligible students are counting on offsetting at least part of their tuition charges with that aid. To avoid extreme hardship to such students with limited means, recourse to our deferral policy may be necessary to ease their way through the fall registration requirements. To accomplish this, it is recommended that the discretionary tuition deferral authority now available to you as Chief Administrative Officer (see Administrative Policy item 055.1.C) be applied as follows:

1. No student should be penalized for not being able to meet your tuition pre-payment requirement caused by delay in receipt of TAP or scholarship award certificates.

2. If by registration day, just before the start of classes, the student requests deferral of his or her tuition payment and cannot produce an award certificate, he or she should be considered for deferral if there is evidence that he or she filed for TAP prior to August (lists of such students are expected to be made available to all colleges by the middle of August).

3. The amount of the deferral may be up to the full tuition charge. For continuing students the amount of the deferral may, if preferred, be limited to the amount of the
fall 1975 award (lists of these awards are now at the colleges) except that students whose fifth TAP payment is on Schedule C will receive as much as $200 less for the year. For new students the amount of the deferral may, if preferred, be limited to that recommended by the financial aid office based on data available to that office for those students who have applied for other types of financial assistance.

You are reminded that since only TAP and the Regents Scholarship programs are involved, this special authority to defer payment of charges does not extend to non-tuition charges such as room and board.

Further technical details about these procedures will be made available to appropriate offices at your campus as soon as possible.

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