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> To: "Daley, Daniel D."

> Subject: Re: Reminder and materials packet for tomorrow's noon meeting

> regarding NCHEMS and LTF plans for the future of the VSCS

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> Dan,

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> Thank you for sending this. I am sorry I have not been able to participate much. I also do not know who else to voice a concern that is growing with the possibility of merging as an entire system, so I will share this with you in the hopes that it might get to who needs to hear it. I realize that there are many options still on the table, but I feel this needs to be said about this particular proposal.

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> First, I do not see how merging VTC, CU and NVU will save any significant amount of money. I will use the example of NVU for the basis of my reasoning.

> When the Merger of Johnson and Lyndon was proposed, I brought up a similar concern. The amount saved in merging administrative costs and other duplicates was not going to bring about enough savings to make up for the growing deficit of both institutions. I asked on a few occasions where the other amount of money would come to make up the difference. Jeb was never able to answer this. The final response was that we just needed to something.

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> In the end we got a huge amount of money from the state to not help with the deficit, but to help with a rebranding.

> That sum of money would have more than made up for the deficit we had then. Although I think the rebranding was well done, it clearly was not enough to help make a difference in our financial situation.

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> Now we are potentially in the same position. To add to the problem, we have not finished the merging of the two institutions.

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> The only solution I see is not a significant merging of the residential campuses, but a significant increase to our funding. We cannot simply do something because we need to do something.

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> I bring this up not only because I feel this way, but others outside of the state college system have seen the same problem and have discussed it with me as well. The numbers do not add up.

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> Thank you for your time.

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