## ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Incentive Scholarship Programs for Fayetteville State University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Pembroke State University, and Winston-Salem State University

NUMBER

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The 1991-92 General Assembly appropriated \$400,000 to establish Incentive Scholarship programs at Fayetteville State University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Pembroke State University, and Winston-Salem State University. This appropriation provides for 40 scholarships in 1991-1992 at each of the participating institutions. An allocation of \$80,000 to each institution is based on an estimated average cost of \$2,000 per student in program funds. The program is scheduled to be phased in over a four-year period. At the end of this four-year period, each institution will have 160 scholarships.

The programs are to be comparable to the established program at Elizabeth City State University, and they are intended to give needed aid to well-prepared students who want to attend these institutions. These scholarships are limited to a maximum award of \$3,000 per recipient per academic year. Each award will be reduced by the amount of need-based aid that the Incentive Scholar receives from the following programs: Pell, NCSIG, or SEOG. Awards are available to entering first-time freshmen and entering first-time transfer students from North Carolina community colleges, and will be renewable semester-by-semester as long as the recipient meets all applicable criteria listed below:

- To be eligible for an Incentive Scholarship as an <u>entering</u> <u>freshman</u>, a student must meet the following requirements:
  - a. be a graduate of a high school in North Carolina (students from all counties are eligible for this scholarship program);
  - rank in the top half of his or her class upon high school graduation, and meet all other university admissions requirements;
  - c. apply for need-based student financial aid;
  - d. agree to perform at least six hours per week in public service, either at the university or in the community, as a freshman and eight hours per week as a sophomore, junior, or senior:

- e. carry at least 15 semester hours each regular semester;
- f. earn a Grade Point Average (GPA) in coursework taken at the awarding institution according to the following schedule:
  - by the end of the freshman year 2.0 or higher
  - by the end of the sophomore year 2.5 or higher by the end of the junior year 3.0 or higher
- g. reflect in personal and scholastic behavior high moral and ethical standards.
- To be eligible for an Incentive Scholarship, a transfer student 2. must meet the following requirements:
  - be a resident of North Carolina and possess the Associate of Arts (AA), the Associate of Science (AS), the Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), or a certificate or degree in a program that articulates directly with an academic degree program offered by Fayetteville State University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University, Pembroke State University, and Winston-Salem State University from a North Carolina community college and meet all university admission requirements:
  - have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 if the student enters with an associate degree, or a 2.0 if the student enters after completion of a certificate program;
  - apply for need-based student financial aid: c.
  - agree to perform at least eight hours per week in public d. service at the university or in the community;
  - carry at least 15 semester hours each regular semester; е.
  - f. maintain a 3.0 grade point average at the university if the student she enters with an associate degree, or
    - have a 2.0 average by the end of the freshman year,
    - a 2.5 by the end of the sophomore year,
    - and a 3.0 by the end of the junior year

if the student enters from a certificate program; and

reflect in personal and scholastic behavior high moral and g. ethical standards.