STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INITIAL 2020-2021 SOUTH CAROLINA TUITION GRANTS

Based on the recommended $1.13 million increase in general appropriations to the Tuition Grants Program through the State Budget as approved by the House Ways & Means Committee, and an estimated increase of $600,000 in the amount of funds received through the SC Need-Based Grant Program (Children’s Education Endowment), and with the expectation that the Senate will concur, following the established awarding philosophy of equalized grant values, the Commission staff recommends consideration of the following options:

Projecting a modest 1/2% increase in enrollment for 2020-2021, and with total available funds estimated at $45.3 million dollars:

Commission Staff recommends the Maximum Grant should increase to **$3,750** for 2020-2021.