

# **TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM UPDATE**

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## ***INFORMATION AND REPORTS***

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### **Issue**

This item presents a report on the Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program and the progress of systemwide technology projects.

### **Background**

The statewide telecommunications and technology system was first funded by the state in 1996-97, and was intended to provide a common infrastructure to all community colleges to meet the needs of staff, faculty, and students. The program provides economies of scale for the purchase of telecommunications commodities, such as Internet connectivity, and ensures all colleges have at least a base level of technological capability, regardless of college size and technical capabilities. The program also funds systemwide technology projects, such as a common student web-based college application, that allow colleges to avoid waste of local resources reinventing technology applications that can be operated more efficiently from a centralized model of application and support.

### **Conclusion**

This item is presented for the Board of Governors information.

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