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TO: Provosts / Vice Presidents, Academic Affairs

FROM: Keith O. Boyum 
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RE: **Request for Proposals: Nursing FTES Funding Support**

Summary. This is a call for proposals to request possible funding for additional Nursing FTES. Your responses by close of business on Friday, November 14, will best assist us in responding to another state agency, as described below. Please accept our apologies in advance for the short notice. We will accept and forward proposals received subsequent to November 14, as well. Please send your responses to my assistant, Ms. Yvonne Benavides, at <mailto:ybenavides@calstate.edu>

Program Essentials. Federal “pass through” dollars to the Governor’s Office for support of Nursing FTES may become available soon; allocations would be effective in the 2009-10 fiscal year, i.e., beginning July 1, 2009.

- Total funds that may become available could amount to \$4.5 million dollars systemwide and are to be used within a five-year time period.
- Committed matching funds must be secured by campuses on a 2 : 1 basis in order for the federal funds to be awarded: For every dollar received, the campus must secure two dollars of matching funding. Hospitals, foundations, and regional funding collaborative may be sources of support. Some general direction for interacting with regional funding collaboratives may be available from the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
- Funds are one-time only and will be available for a five-year period. We can imagine that successor administrations may continue the funding, but there can be no guarantee.
- Accountability: CSU campuses will be expected to show that new and additional nursing FTES had been achieved as a result of the funding.

Some Details. Proposals are welcome in several categories, at campus discretion. Proposals may seek:

- Support for cohorts of “generic” nursing students across entry-level programs leading to the B.S.N., with licensure occurring along the way (this is perhaps preferred).

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- Support for new and additional MSN graduates.
- Support for alternative programs, such as may take students with a non-nursing baccalaureate degree through a special program to achieve R.N. licensure and a B.S.N. or M.S.N. degree.

Programs winning funding may begin when campuses wish them to begin: some work imaginably could start in summer 2009, or a campus may choose to initiate instruction in fall 2009.

We note that with a five-year time period in prospect, a campus program could consider cohorts that would gain a B.S.N. within that time window. One could plan for “Cohorts A, B, and C” approximately as follows.

	<u>Year One</u>	<u>Year Two</u>	<u>Year Three</u>	<u>Year Four</u>	<u>Year Five</u>
Cohorts:	A	A	A		[A graduates at the end of year 3]
		B	B	B	[B graduates, end of year 4]
			C	C	C

Actions by the Chancellor’s Office. We will cumulate and forward proposals to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. After agency review, proposals will then receive further consideration in the Governor’s office. We do not know whether proposals will be accepted, or on what basis they will be evaluated. We all know, of course, that California needs nurses, and that these federal dollars are not subject to budget reductions that may be announced relative to the State of California general fund.

Thank you for your consideration of this possibility. We recognize many constraints on what you may be able to do; we recognize the difficulty of five year-only support; we recognize the challenge of securing additional funds on the 2 : 1 basis; we know we are asking you to consider this possibility even as you are planning for the possibility of budget reductions in the current and in future fiscal years.

We warmly welcome your best judgments, feedback on whether you will pursue this opportunity or not, and any proposals for using these resources.

cc: Dr. Charles B. Reed, Chancellor
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