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To: CSU Presidents

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Executive Vice Chancellor

Subject: 2002 CSU Statistical Abstract

Enclosed are ten copies of the 2002 CSU Statistical Abstract for distribution to your campus planners, analysts, and public affairs officers. All CSU campuses have been sent the CSU Statistical Abstract on an interactive CD. Your institutional research office has also been sent the Abstract on CD. In the past, this office has served as the administrative archive for the annual publication. Although the Abstract has been released as a printed edition for over 30 years, this year it is only available as an electronic document. Others, including the public, can view or download the document via the Worldwide Web at <www.calstate.edu/AS>.

Despite the change in medium, the Abstract remains a comprehensive digest of CSU statistics compiled by the Analytic Studies Office of Academic Research for the California State University Chancellor's Office. It summarizes data on student characteristics, academic and support programs, access, retention, and graduation, as well as data on CSU finances, information resources, facilities, and human resources. The current edition lists statistics through July 2002 to the extent they were available at the time of publication.

I hope you find the new interactive Abstract a useful resource. If you or any of your staff have any questions about the content of the Abstract or comments about ways to enhance it, please contact Dr. Philip Garcia, Director of Analytic Studies, at (562) 951-4764 or pgarcia@calstate.edu.

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