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MEMO TO: Faculty
FROM: Earl Lazerson
SUBJECT: Excellence in Undergraduate Education

In January of 1986 I announced that a $1 million fund was to be made available in the 1986-87 academic year for the improvement of undergraduate education. This announcement outlines the process to be followed for the allocation of these resources.

The purpose of the fund is to support excellence and innovation in undergraduate education. Projects may include, but are not limited to, requests for instructional equipment, books and materials, visiting professorships, professional development activities, course development, teaching workshops, sponsored lectures, visiting scholars, grants for excellence programs, etc. Proposals may be drafted by individuals, by groups of faculty in varying disciplines, by departments, by groups of departments, or by schools. There are no constraints placed on the imagination or creativity of the faculty in the construction of these proposals. Funds are non-recurring in the sense that each project will be funded for one year at a time. However, the competition for funds will occur annually for the foreseeable future.

I have requested that the Planning Council of the Faculty Senate review the proposals and advise me on funding allocations. The deadline for applications for this year is November 1, 1986. Initial proposals should be no more than three pages in length, should clearly state the nature of the project, its costs, and how it will strengthen undergraduate education. Ten copies of each proposal should be sent to:

Excellence in Undergraduate Education
Office of the President
Box 1151