

Agenda Item: III.A.

DATE: January 27, 2005

SUBJECT: 2005 Annual Report on the Condition of Higher Education in Tennessee

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Condition of Higher Education in Tennessee demonstrates to the legislature and the citizens of Tennessee the commitment of the higher education community to improved quality in higher education. Although the goals found in this document were formally established in 2001, they grew out of the legislative benchmarks for higher education developed in 1984. The Condition of Higher Education in Tennessee goals are also framed along those established by the Southern Regional Education Board among its 15 member states. It should be noted that on virtually all of the goals there has been steady, regular improvement. Furthermore, this marks the fourth edition of this report, which was developed in cooperation with both the University of Tennessee System and the Tennessee Board of Regents. This report will be provided and discussed in detail at the Commission meeting.