SECTION 6 - GRAPEVINE—A QUARTER CENTURY, 1960–1985

One purpose in compiling this collection of materials was to provide a kind of history, seen through the Editorship, of the initial quarter-century of the publication, GRAPEVINE. This monthly research report of state tax appropriations for the operating expenses of higher education began as M. M. Chambers' effort to keep abreast of developments in state government affecting higher education support.

In 1958 after he began at the University of Michigan, Dr. Chambers sent a note to people in each state capital asking for "legislative developments" in or affecting higher education. The response was quite positive, and GRAPEVINE began in earnest. By 1964 at Indiana University, the publication had graduated to a somewhat more professionalized status, as indicated on Dr. Chambers' request for a "small tabulation" accompanied by last year's published tabulation.

A decade following, in 1974, GRAPEVINE had been going for nearly 16 years. M. M. Chambers continued with the practice of conducting hand calculations of the percentages of gain in each state, a habit which he continued through 1980.

The following pages enumerate only a small fraction of the hundreds of letters from state correspondents and others regarding state support of higher education. This collection is presented to give indication of the high regard in which Dr. Chambers was held, and the continuing interest in the publication and in state support of colleges and universities.
Mr. M. M. Chambers  
Visiting Lecturer  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  

Dear Mr. Chambers:

This is in reply to your letter of January 9 in which you asked for information relative to school legislation that may be enacted by this session of the Legislature.

Since our Legislature is not yet in session, and since we have a democrat governor with a republican legislature, I would not want to make any statements at this time relative to prospective school legislation.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Adel F. Throckmorton  
State Superintendent  
of Public Instruction

AFT:eb:n
August 24, 1962

Professor Wm. M. Chamber

Dear Professor Chamber:

The reader was used by the University of Michigan. Please consider the following:

M. Chamber -- Higher Education

Although a good chapter has many aspects of a polemic, they should not be "do not be elicited by the impression of profundity ..." (page 15) and later argue against a stated point. Further, the historical aspects are presented in inadequate and weak technical insight and judgment. Assessment regarding this model in connected with chapter on teachers and finance.

Please make your chapter to 35 pages and return it to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Position and Name]
January 9, 1959

Mr. Don M. Dafoe  
State Commissioner of Education  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Dafoe:

I am up to my old trick of asking you for some inklings about legislative activities in your state.

Here in Michigan the uppermost issue at the moment seems to be a proposed new state income tax which would produce $140 million of new revenue.

Are any new revenue measures, or other issues directly affecting higher education, including junior colleges, or important measures affecting public education in general, now being agitated in your state, so that there is a probability of new legislation during the forthcoming session?

Will you please write me a little introduction to the situation, maybe enclosing a clipping or something of the sort? I will keep your letter confidential, and will never publicize anything in connection with your name unless your consent is obtained.

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Chambers  
Visiting Lecturer
January 13, 1959

Mr. M. M. Chambers
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

We are just making the transition to statehood and there will, of course, be some changes. These will primarily affect the executive organization initially.

I do not know of any particular measures affecting higher education which will come about and believe that little will be done on education in general since we are recommending a comprehensive school finance study and a school law recodification. We believe this is a better approach than to change various sections of the laws.

Perhaps if you wrote us at a later date, say around June 1, we would have additional information.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Don M. Dafoe
Commissioner of Education

DMD:jj
January 13, 1959

Mr. M. M. Chambers  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9.

The General Assembly convened yesterday for a forty day session. The new Governor will be inaugurated at noon today.

The matter with which the new Governor and the General Assembly are most concerned is how to maintain segregation of the races in the public schools and colleges of Georgia. They are particularly concerned about the effects of a Federal District Court decision handed down on Friday of last week. This decision held that the practice of segregation in one of the public colleges of the State is unconstitutional.

The other major goals of the new State administration are economy and a more careful use of State funds by officials and departments of the State Government.

So far as I know, no new revenue producing measures are in sight and there will be no legislation affecting education—except the bills designed to maintain segregation.

Sincerely yours,

Harmon Caldwell
January 14, 1959

Mr. M. M. Chambers
Visiting Lecturer
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

We have not, as yet, any new revenue measures or bills being introduced into this session of the 1959 Legislature.

The chief concern of obtaining additional revenue to meet the asking of the various Departments is in the talkative stage, but if the Legislature decides to stay within the recommended budget of the outgoing Governor, there will be little need for additional revenue.

The accepted programs of the new administration will require new sources of revenue. However, I am not sure that the Legislature will go along with extension of services to welfare and education as outlined by the administration. The legislative members in the main are conservative and believe that increased costs of services maintained at the present rate of acceptance may be gotten from the present revenue as anticipated for the next biennium.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

William G. Elliott
Deputy Superintendent
Department of Public Instruction

WGE:jra
Mr. M. M. Chambers
Visiting Lecturer
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 9, 1959, wherein you ask for inklings about legislative activities in this State during the forthcoming session.

It is difficult to determine at this time what legislation will be introduced; however, I am sending to you, under separate cover, a copy of the Governor's Report on Higher Education. No doubt, legislation will be prepared to incorporate recommendations made in this report.

Sincerely yours,

Carl E. Seifert
Deputy Superintendent
Mr. W. M. Chambers, U.H.S. 4200-G
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Enclosed with this letter you will find copies of the Legislative bulletin which we have put out to workers among our membership who are interested in legislation. I believe the information which you requested in your recent letter can be obtained from these bulletins.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Wood
Executive Secretary
January 31, 1959

Dear Mr. McGee,

Will you please write me a few notes about certain legislative developments in your state?

We are especially interested in

Proposed new tax legislation
New legislation regarding education at any level
State budgets for higher education, including junior colleges
3. The proportion that the state budget for higher education bears to the total state budget

On the reverse of this letter are some notes condensed from letters we have received from various states during January.

A newspaper clipping, a small pamphlet or leaflet, a copy of a bill introduced, or a tear-sheet from a local periodical, plus a letter explaining the "inside dope" is extremely useful to us.

If you will be good enough to write, your letter will be kept confidential, and nothing will be publicized in connection with your name unless your consent is obtained.

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Chambers
1. There is much less legislation before our current legislature since the state is in a deficit in its General Revenue Fund, the support of higher education and general state government.

2. New legislation regarding education:
   a. The Texas Commission on Higher Education has made three recommendations regarding financing, role and scope, and the creation of new and expanding public institutions.
   b. Public schools, who were studied by an interim committee, are seeking the financial help they need in Texas, as well as seeking to extend State Minimum School Program Coverage and support of school finance management and inclusion of diverse education leaders.

3. Higher Education - 16.5%. All public
Dr. M. M. Chambers  
U. H. S. 4200-G  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  

Dear Dr. Chambers:

You have undertaken an interesting project and I would be glad to have a chance to see your next release.

A vast majority of the statistics on higher education give me a pain. There is a general absence of yardsticks, so that many figures are meaningless unless one knows what went into the numerator and the denominator. A thousand miles away from home a college president may report the size of his staff on the basis of counting every name in the catalog, including lecturers in law and medicine and the R.O.T.C. staff as well. Before an appropriations committee in the legislature he will fry the fat out of these figures and quote a full-time equivalent figure.

Even in an area where there is a definition, I see figures which look pretty bad. I happen to be one who disagrees with the U.S. Office of Education's "head count" figure for determining the enrollment of a college or university. Under it, Wayne University and Michigan State University are about the same size. I doubt that President Hannah would concede to such a comparison, yet that is what you get when you count a night student taking one course in Crocheting 101 on the same basis as a full-time day student taking a 19 hour load.

I have often wondered why some people in higher education don't get together and establish some definitions. As it is, the person who tells you he has a 15 to 1 student-faculty ratio has to be given the second degree before you can find out how he counts students and faculty before you can come to any conclusion about his figure or compare it to your own. We certainly do need a set of acceptable ground rules if statistics are going to mean very much for comparative purposes.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
February 5, 1959

Mr. M. M. Chambers  
U.H.S. 4200-G  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

The following is relative to legislative developments in New York State.

Governor Rockefeller has proposed tax increases of $277 million - 2½ increase in gas tax, $69.5 million; increase in personal income tax including withholding, $150 million; cigarette tax up 2½ per package, $47.0 million; and increase in estate tax, $10 million.

The State budget as proposed by the Governor provides an $18.5 million increase for the State University - a total appropriation of $48 million - about 2.5 percent of the total state budget.

The Board of Regents proposes a $72 million increase in state aid for public schools. The Educational Conference Board representing the major groups interested in public education proposes an increase of $140 million.

No legislative action has been taken yet upon taxes except the gasoline tax (up 2½). Until action is taken upon taxes and the budget, no action will be taken on other legislation involving increased expenditures.

Sincerely yours,  

Arvid J. Burke  
Director of Studies
June 3, 1959

Dr. M. M. Chambers, UHS H200-G
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dr. Chambers:

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in placing me on the mailing list for the "Grapevine." As one of its recipients, I shall expect to send you interesting information for inclusion from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

James I. Doi
Director of Institutional Research

JID:lp
June 5, 1959

Mr. H. N. Chambers
U. M. S. H200-G
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

We regret that we are so slow in answering your letter of April 15.

Not a great deal happened in the 1959 Session, but we are sending you a copy of the resume of bills passed pertaining to education.

Sincerely yours,

REX PUTMAN
Cmt. Public Instruction

Dr. J. L. TURNBULL
Dumity Superintendent

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Enclosure
Mr. M. M. Chambers, U.H.S. 4200-G
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I am sending you a reprint from the Agenda of the State Board meeting held here on June 6. These pages contain a brief resume of most of the bills relating to education that were passed in the Regular Session of the Legislature.

No appropriation act has been passed thus far. The 56th Legislature is now in its First Called Session in a deadlock on Tax measures. It is possible there will be a 2nd and perhaps a 3rd called session before a decision is reached. These pages relate primarily to secondary and junior college education.

Dr. Ralph Green, Commissioner for Higher Education, can give you a resume of the legislation dealing with the individual four-year institutions.

We find your Grapevine sheet very helpful and hope you will find it possible to continue.

Very truly yours,

B. W. Musgraves
Executive Director
Texas Council of Public Junior Colleges

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Enclosure (1)
Consider six large and populous states where legislatures are currently more or less deadlocked on tax measures. Texas has neither an income tax (individual or corporate) nor a general sales tax. Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio have no income taxes. Minnesota and Wisconsin have no general sales taxes. All these great commercial states will eventually bring their revenue systems up to date.
July 30, 1959

Professor M. M. Chambers  
Center for the Study of Higher Education  
The University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Professor Chambers:

I am sending along a copy of the reply we received from the Idaho Attorney-General in response to our survey of the legal status of public colleges and universities. In some ways it raised more questions for us than it answered— e.g. the State Board of Education, in spite of what the attorney-general states, seems in law to have as much constitutional autonomy as the university, whose board of regents is restricted to governing "under such regulations as may be prescribed by law." Elsewhere, as you know, such provisions have been held to justify legislative intervention in university affairs.

But with regard to your central point, I think the attorney general's letter clearly suggests that Idaho achieves some measure of coordinated control in fact, though not in form, through the device of having identical membership on two boards. But I am not sure how this works out. Under such an arrangement, would the members think as much in terms of the need for coordination as they would if there were a single board? If so, it would be possible to speak of Idaho as having achieved the essential purpose or value of the single board-coordination under a two board system. In any event, in conformity with the literal rendering of the law, we did not include Idaho among the states having a single board of control.

I hope the enclosure is of some use to you by way of clarification. With best regards,

Sincerely,

Francis E. Rourke
August 11, 1959

Dr. Merritt M. Chambers  
Visiting Lecturer on Higher Education  
School of Education  
University of Michigan  
4200 East University High School  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  

Dear Dr. Chambers:

Thanks for sending me this material on Idaho. It answered my question, though it also raised as many questions as it answered as Rourke suggests.

Yours sincerely,

James L. Miller, Jr.  
Supervisor, Lansing Office

JLM:ja  
Enclosure
Mr. M.H. Chambers  
Center for the Study of Higher Education  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Your October, 1959 newsletter which had in it a report on voluntary statewide coordination, causes me to give a report on progress in Florida.

The four state universities are each headed by a president who reports directly to the Florida State Board of Control of Institutions of Higher Education. The Board has asked the four presidents to form a Council of Presidents, which meets regularly and discusses the common problems of coordination and relationships between the institutions and statewide needs for services which the universities might render. The Board also asked the Council of Presidents to consider state needs which go beyond what the state institutions can now render.

Recently, this Council of Presidents sponsored a meeting with the presidents of all the private degree granting colleges and universities in the state to discuss common problems and statewide needs. It was agreed that this meeting should be repeated probably on a semi-annual basis.

This is another illustration of statewide coordination.

Sincerely,

John S. Allen  
President
November 20, 1959

Dear Dr. Chambers:

The New Jersey College Bond Issue was approved by the voters of New Jersey on November 3. The allocation of the $66,800,000, is in terms of the statement appearing in "Facts on the College Bond Issue." A copy of the bulletin with the allocation in dollars accompanies this letter.

Since my last note to you, the State Scholarship Program of New Jersey has now been approved and the applications for scholarships are being processed. The enclosed folders describe the provisions of that program.

The Grapevine is of special interest and help to us here in New Jersey. Be certain to keep me on the mailing list.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Earl E. Mosier
Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education

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Dr. M. M. Chambers
Center for the Study of Higher Education
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Dr. M. M. Chambers  
Department of Higher Education  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  

Dear Doctor Chambers:

We have heard that occasionally you issue a memorandum of observations on some aspect of higher education. How can we get on your mailing list? Are copies of back issues available? Mr. Davis is a consultant on public relations and fund raising to college and university presidents and would find your writings of interest and benefit.

Many thanks.  

Sincerely yours,
February 7, 1961

Professor M. M. Chambers
U.H.S. 4200-G
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Professor Chambers:

You have done a monumental job in compiling the data in the publication Appropriations of State Tax Funds for Operating Expenses of Higher Education. This information is very valuable for use in justifying appropriations requests before state legislatures and for other purposes.

I have a few suggestions relative to the figures reported for the University of Wyoming.

1. In the summary presented on the first page, $4,707,000 is listed for Wyoming for the fiscal year 1960-61, but the figure $4,720,000 is used in the table on the last page for the biennium 1959-61. The figure for appropriations of state tax funds should be the same in both places, and of course the fiscal 1960-61 figure would be less than the total for the biennium.

2. The following are the actual figures on appropriation of tax funds for operating expenses of the University of Wyoming for the biennium 1959-61. The total in the appropriations bill was $9,439,185.54, which divided by 2 gives $4,719,592.77, or approximately the $4,720,000 which you used in one of the tables. In 1959, the legislature provided $30,000 for livestock disease research as a separate appropriation. Thus the total appropriation for the two years, 1959-61, was $9,469,185.54. Although in actual practice the amount spent in one year is generally not one-half of the total, theoretically you could divide the total by two and use $4,734,592.77 as the figure for each year of the 1959-61 biennium.

3. The tables for some of the other states list appropriations for two-year colleges. If you wish to report this information for Wyoming, the 1959-61 appropriation of state funds for operating expenses of community and junior colleges was $400,000. This amount was separate from, and in addition to, the amount for the University given in paragraph 2 above.

Sincerely yours,
February 9, 1961

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Visiting Professor of Higher Education
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dr. Chambers:

I regret the delay in responding to your letter of January 9 regarding developments of voluntary coordination of higher education in Arkansas.

The University of Arkansas and the State-supported colleges have been working together in a cooperative manner in developing a proposed program for a capital improvements bond issue. Full agreement was reached among the various institutions as to the share each would receive of the proceeds of the bond issue. All Boards endorsed the program.

There has been considerable voluntary coordination in the preparation and presentation of the operating budgets of the various institutions. However, the pattern of voluntary coordination in this State has not developed to the extent that it exists in a number of other States, including those discussed in your forthcoming publication. We hope that within the next two years we will be able to develop a more formal and effective pattern of voluntary coordination. If this is not done, it is quite likely that legislation will be enacted requiring mandatory coordination. As a matter of fact, a number of legislative measures have been introduced in the General Assembly, now in session, to create a State Board of Finance or some other type of super-board to coordinate the budget-making processes and certain other functions relating to the various institutions.

I am afraid this information will not be very helpful to you. However, if there are other developments, I shall be glad to advise you.

Sincerely

[Signature]

David W. Mullins
President
April 27, 1961

Professor M. M. Chambers, U. H. S. 4200-0
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Professor Chambers:

The recently completed legislative season has been a most significant one for higher education in New York State. The enactment of Governor Rockefeller's program will increase state appropriations for higher education from the 1960-61 level of $133 million to $173 million, or 30%.

In addition, a certificate of $1.4 million from the Governmental Emergency Fund has been signed to enable the State University to undertake merger negotiations with the University of Buffalo. Funds have also been made available to State University to increase faculty salaries an average of 15%. Seven and one-half per cent is to be paid effective May 4, 1961 with other selective salary adjustments to be made in September.

You will notice on the attached sheet that in many cases the 1960-61 figures differ from those given you last year. This results in most cases from salary adjustments made during the fiscal year.

We have been pleased with the space you have devoted in the "Grapevine" to higher education in the Empire State. We are most appreciative of the important work you are doing.

Very truly yours,

Albert B. Roberts
Senior Budget Examiner
August 11, 1961

M. M. Chambers  
705 Stoddard Building  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Since we at NEBHE appreciate your sending us the Grapevine, we're pleased when we have the opportunity to repay you by forwarding some news to you.

Here's a copy of Act No. 247 of the Acts of 1961 of the Vermont legislature establishing a corporation called the "Vermont State Colleges" to take over the governing functions of the state colleges from the Vermont State Department of Education.

Knowing of your own interest (and concern) over some attempts at coordination, I thought you'd appreciate a copy. (I presume that you would agree that the separation of the governing board of state colleges from the state department of education -- as has now occurred in Vermont as well as California -- is a step in the right direction.)

May I say that although I have yet to meet you, I consider you to be one of the statesmen of educational research. I've gained that impression not only from my own reading of your work, but from W. H. Cowley, my mentor at Stanford, who says that you are among the few men in educational research for whom he has unbounded respect.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

JB Hefferlin  
Research and Administrative Associate
August 29, 1961

Mr. M. M. Chambers  
705 Stoddard Building  
Lansing 23, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Again I am moved to express appreciation to you  
for the values that we find in every issue of "Grapevine".  
The new fine feature of a summary on the cover sheet is  
very helpful to a busy president.

I am interested in the fact that you gave so much  
attention to John Millett's historical comments on the insidious  
encroachment on the autonomy of the state-supported  
college and universities in Ohio. I wrote him expressing  
appreciation for his service. I am not quite so optimistic  
as he is that the so-called "breakthrough" is as solid as  
first appears. I read the statute twice and I can see  
loopholes.

At the last meeting of the Inter-University Council  
I offered a motion that this brief paper be made a part of  
the official records of the Inter-University Council.  
This was approved.

With continued appreciation and cordial regards,

Sincerely,

George A. Bowman  
President

Gab:vp  
cc: Vice President Robert White
State of New Jersey  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
175 WEST STATE STREET  
TRENTON 26, N.J.  

September 12, 1961  

Dear Dr. Chambers:  

The good news has come to me that you have accepted the Executive Directorship of the Michigan Council of State College Presidents. Yours is indeed a significant contribution to giving direction to State-supported higher education in Michigan. 

Very sincerely,  

Earl E. Mosier  
Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education

Dr. M. M. Chambers  
Executive Director  
Michigan Council of State College Presidents  
Capital Building  
Lansing, Michigan
November 24, 1961

Professor M. M. Chambers
705 Stodard Building
Lansing 23, Michigan

Dear Professor Chambers:

After discussing the matter with our Vice President and Treasurer, Mr. Lytle Freehafer, I find that I will be unable to send you the salary data for the Big Ten institutions because of our agreement with the other fiscal officers in exchanging these data. We have agreed that we will release none of this information to anyone without permission of all of the institutions involved.

I can give you the information for Purdue, but unfortunately I cannot do this for the other schools.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Hicks
Assistant to the President

Enclosure
Dr. M. M. Chambers, Executive Director
The Michigan Council of State College Presidents
705 Stoddard Building
Lansing 23, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I fear that, at the moment, I cannot give you any very startling information concerning the merger of The University of Buffalo into State University of New York. Negotiations relating to the many difficult problems have been proceeding through the summer, fall, and winter months. As yet, no final merger agreement has been reached.

I would guess that the problem will be resolved in the not too distant future, and, when it is, I shall write you again.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. Hamilton
Mr. M. M. Chambers  
705 Stoddard Building  
Lansing 23, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

It has been a pleasure to receive from time to time your "Grapevine". Recently I completed coordinating and directing the effort to bring about the establishment of a new upper division, upper level, two-year State University at Boca Raton. When construction gets underway on the first phase of this $5 million institution later this spring, I believe when it opens it will be the first such institution in the United States. Do you have any information to the contrary?

Do you have ample correspondents in Florida? If not, what sort of thing would you like from time to time from down here? I will be glad to try and be of service to you.

Best wishes for a fine New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Frank S. Wright

FSW:gs
January 23, 1962

Dr. M. M. Chambers, Executive Director
Michigan Council of State College Presidents
705 Stoddard Building
Lansing 23, Michigan

Dear Dr. Chambers:

I have been through the report you prepared for the Joint Office of Institutional Research on Appropriation of State Tax Funds for Higher Education in 1961-62. I think this is a very good report and extremely helpful. It is most useful to have this material gathered together in this way.

I do want to call attention to one minor error in the presentation of the figures for Ohio. The appropriation entitled "Branch Education" was not made to Ohio State University, but to all the state universities in the State. The money is being distributed to Kent, Ohio U., Bowling Green, and Miami, as well as to the Ohio State University. This should really be placed as a separate appropriation item after Central State College.

With best wishes and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

John D. Millett

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cc: Mr. Allan W. Ostar
January 30, 1962

Dr. M. M. Chambers
705 Stoddard Building
Lansing 25, Michigan

Dear Doctor Chambers:

The Board of Regents, State of Kansas, has recently entered into a contract with the Academy for Educational Development, Inc., headed by Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, who is Executive Director of the Education Division of the Ford Foundation, to conduct a survey of higher education in Kansas. Doctor Eurich will be assisted in this study by a panel of advisors that includes the following persons:

Frank Bowles, President
College Entrance Examination Board and
Director, International Study of College Admissions

Samuel Gould, Chancellor
University of California
Santa Barbara

Francis Keppel, Dean
Graduate School of Education
Harvard University

Millicent McIntosh, President
Barnard College

Sidney Tickton
Program Associate
The Ford Foundation

Douglas Whitaker, Vice President
Rockefeller Institute

The Board and Doctor Eurich feel that this will be a significant study and one done in an entirely different manner than any study of higher education to date. They each feel that this is a pioneer movement to bring about better coordination of the institutions of higher education.
I thought you might be interested in this for "Grapevine," and
I am sure that if you want more specific information that Doctor Eurich
would be glad to furnish it to you.

Sincerely yours,

Max Bickford
Secretary

MB:an
February 12, 1962

Mr. M. M. Chambers
705 Stoddard Building
Lansing 23, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Thank you very much for the compliment expressed in your editorial use of some of my paragraphs in Grapevine for February, 1962.

Grapevine is now "required reading" within the general offices of the University of Illinois - thus, your editorial references are the more meaningful to us.

I hope the message in the enclosed copy of a letter will be useful to you.

Good wishes.

Sincerely,

David D. Henry
President

Enclosure
April 30, 1962

Professor M. M. Chambers
Executive Director
Michigan Council of State College Presidents
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Professor Chambers:

At the present time I am on a sabbatical study looking into the question of the relationship of higher education and state government and state political systems. I have visited several states already and next July I hope to talk to people in Michigan. I would very much like the opportunity to talk with you. Several people around the country have mentioned your name as being a person knowledgeable in this field.

While in West Virginia the other day Professor Boyd Keenan mentioned the newsletter you publish called "The Grapevine." I wonder if it would be possible for me to get on your mailing list. Professor Keenan thought it would be very helpful for me in my study. If this could be arranged I would be indeed grateful.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Samuel K. Gove
Professor

SKG:jb
July 2, 1963

Dr. M. M. Chambers
U.H.S. 4200-G
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dr. Chambers:

We have contacted Mr. Willis and he will send you the figures for the Board of Control which refer to the university system. For junior colleges, the following figures have been appropriated for the 1963-65 biennium:

- Existing junior colleges, $25,380,140
- New junior colleges, $420,000
- Capital outlay for existing junior colleges, $17,246,542

The Legislature also authorized a seventy-five million dollar bond issue which requires the approval of the electorate in November of this year. If this bond issue passes, junior colleges will be authorized to build projects totaling thirty million dollars, to include the seventeen million dollars in the Appropriations Bill. The universities will be authorized to build projects totaling forty-five million dollars.

Junior colleges are authorized to begin year around operation, and the State Board of Education has selected five colleges to begin this new schedule as of August, 1963. These five colleges are: Central Florida Junior College, Ocala; Lake City Junior College and Forest Ranger School, Lake City; Miami-Dade Junior College, Miami; Manatee Junior College, Bradenton; St. Petersburg Junior College, St. Petersburg.

The Legislature authorized the establishment of three new junior colleges during the biennium. A fourth may be established if the local area commits itself to provide the required local support. A fifth area has been previously approved but has not yet been activated. When these areas
are established, Florida will have community junior colleges within commuting distance of three-fourths of the state's high school graduates.

I trust that this is the information you had in mind. If it is not, please let me know.

Cordially yours,

James L. Wattenbarger, Director
Division of Community Junior Colleges

JLM:cfc
January 7, 1964

Mr. M. M. Chambers
Education Building
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I think your advice and reasoning on the Grapevine is quite sound, and I do appreciate your writing me your opinions.

With the assistance of the reply letters you mailed me, we have updated our mailing list and are quite anxious to continue distributing Grapevine as a free service of ACPRA to members requesting it.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, we would indeed have no objection to sending the Grapevine free to all members who sincerely want it. I think the periodic survey letter, such as you did, is the answer to keeping the list updated and indicative of those who appreciate the service.

Again let me say how much I appreciate your allowing us to distribute Grapevine. I was struck with the fact that the vast majority of those who replied to your request were from private institutions. To me this indicates a broadening of perspective and quite an enlightened approach by the private institutions. Grapevine was quite helpful to me when I was at Lewis and Clark College and I know that it is for many of our members.

I look forward to receiving the January issue as soon as you complete it. Again thank you and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

John W. Leslie
Dear Dr. Chambers:

In your issue of GRAPEVINE for February, I note a reference to the leaflet on *Coordinating Higher Education in Utah*.

I realize that harsh compulsion is not the proper way to develop institutional growth and spirit, but I despair of the United States developing a system of higher education which takes care of all our educational needs.

The history of land-grant colleges and teachers' colleges indicates that you may establish an institution to perform a specific function, but presently it will put its eyes on Harvard or Berkeley and attempt to become all things to all men and particularly at the advanced, graduate, professional and post-doctoral levels.

I shudder everytime I see a new junior college established because I am sure that in less time than it took to transfer the normal schools into general state colleges, we will see the junior colleges become four-year colleges and then universities. How many universities can the United States support?, and if every institution is not to become a university, who is to say it may not by the "cooperative, advisory, and other non-coercive means" mentioned in the GRAPEVINE.

It seems to me that unless some agencies in the states can be established that do exercise control—and there is real concern in California that that admirable system is about to be wrecked—we shall not have an educational system but educational chaos in which only the private universities can prosper.

Where is the wisdom and the guidance to provide even one state system that is good and about which it can confidently be predicted that it will remain good for the next three decades?

Sincerely yours,

Virgil M. Hancher
President

Dr. M. M. Chambers
June 11, 1964

Dear Professor Chambers:

The American Alumni Council has sent us your request for 100 copies of our report, "The Money Behind Our Colleges."

We are pleased to supply them, with our compliments. They are being shipped to you under separate cover.

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By coincidence, in the same mail with your letter came one from a Dr. M. F. Keller, a Montana legislator who disputes your fiscal 1963 figures for his state, which we published in this report. From an enclosure that he sent us, I gather that he has written to you, also, addressing you at the University of Michigan.

It appears that Dr. Keller is using a different basis for his figures than that used in your compilations. I began to write to him, citing the breakdown of Montana appropriations on page 10 of your report, "Appropriations of State Tax Funds for Operating Expenses of Higher Education 1962-1963" (Joint Office of Institutional Research, Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges) -- but, in the process, I encountered what appears to be an arithmetical error amounting to some $1 million. Since this seems to have been carried over into your 1963-1964 compilations, I thought you might like to know about it.

Here is the apparent mistake: The Montana total for the biennium 1961-63, arrived at on page 10, is given as $21,321,000. In the per-annum table on page 2, you give the Montana figures as $11,160 for 1961-62 and $11,161 for 1962-63 (add 000). The total of these figures is $22,321,000, rather than $21,321,000. Or, to put it another way, the per-annum figures presumably should be $10,660 and $10,661, respectively.
Incidentally, this would make Dr. Keller's contentions even less valid.

Sincerely yours,

Corbin Gwaltney
Executive Editor

Professor M. M. Chambers
Education Building
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405
March 23, 1965

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Education Building
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Dr. Chambers:

I especially appreciate your thoughtfulness in placing me on the mailing list of the "GRAPEVINE". The publication contains a good deal of information that does not normally appear in other periodicals and I want you to know how very much all of us who are working in the field appreciate your assistance in preparing the publication.

The Connecticut General Assembly of 1963 enacted legislation creating a Commission on Higher Education to study the needs in this field and to present a report to the Governor and General Assembly of 1965. To accomplish the task, the Commission employed a Task Force of some 20 individuals.

I am asking my secretary to send you a copy of the report of the Commission which was issued in February, 1965 to the Governor and the General Assembly. The report has created wide-spread discussion of the problems of higher education and it is my understanding that legislation is currently being prepared to implement some aspects of the recommendations of the Commission.

In addition, a summary report of the Task Force of the U. S. Office of Education has also appeared in print and I am asking my secretary to send you a copy. You will note that the summary prepared by the Task Force is entitled Volume II and it is my understanding that Volume I will contain the working papers prepared by various individuals from the U. S. Office of Education.

The Commission recommends the creation of a commission of 12 persons appointed by the Governor with a chancellor to coordinate all phases of higher education. It further recommends the creation of separate boards for each of the four state colleges and for each community college. The Presidents of the
State Colleges seem to feel that a single board would be preferable and I understand that legislation is currently being drafted to include the recommendation of the four State College Presidents.

The state-supported institutions are seeking a higher degree of autonomy than is currently possible. There are a number of other issues that remain unresolved but it is anticipated that attention will be given to them either by the present General Assembly or in later years.

I thought you would be interested in receiving copies of these two reports which have been printed to date.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert D. Welte
President

HDW:ad

Enclosures
October 11, 1965

Air Mail

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Education Building
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Dr. Chambers:

In the move in offices from the State Education Department Office Planning in Higher Education to the State University of New York Office of the Executive Dean for Two Year Colleges, I seem to have lost my file of back copies of the 1965 issues of "Grapevine". This fact came to my attention when I began to do my homework in preparation for a speech that I have agreed to give before the State Directors of Public Two-Year Colleges during the first week in November. The speech will deal with recent state legislation relating to public two-year colleges and you can see, therefore, why I was very anxious to find my file of the 1965 "grapevine" issues. I still have not been able to locate the file.

In desperation and with extreme sense of urgency I appeal to you for help. Would it be possible to get from you a copy of each of the earlier issues of "Grapevine" that you have released during the current year. I hope that this will be possible and to facilitate the matter as much as possible, I am enclosing herewith a pre-addressed large envelope, stamped Air Mail for return to me.

Thank you very much for cooperation in this request.

Very cordially yours,

S. V. Martorana, Executive Dean
For Two-Year Colleges

STUB

Enclosure
July 20, 1966

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Education Building
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Dr. Chambers:

I appreciate very much receiving Grapevine. I am just looking at the June 1966 issue. It is most interesting and helpful.

May I again thank you for your great assistance in your study of higher education in Kentucky. We find that the more they listen to your recommendations the better off we are and will be.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

R. H. Woods
President

RHW:ctm
Dr. M. M. Chambers  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Dr. Chambers:

I have read with interest your Chronicle compilation of State appropriations for public higher education. The service you have provided is most informative and helpful for those of us following the general education scene. The National Tax Association has asked me to present a paper at their annual meeting in October on the subject: "Financing Higher Education: A New Challenge to State and Local Government." Statistics on the growth in state and local outlays for public higher education would be helpful in this discussion. Would you be able to supply the 1959-60 and 1965-66 figures for the States listed on page 12 of the July 12 Chronicle? Would you have similar statistics for any other states?

Any supplementary data you can provide will be deeply appreciated. I would, of course, acknowledge the source of my figures.

As you probably know AAUP conducts annually a survey of salaries and compensation in higher education. If we can reciprocate in providing statistics which might be of interest to you, please feel free to call upon us.

Again let me say how valuable your compilation has been.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

August 17, 1966
Southern Illinois
University
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS 62901

Department of Higher Education

October 18, 1966

Professor M. M. Chambers
Professor of Higher Education
Education Building
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Dear Professor Chambers:

I have been a recipient of Grapevine for a number of years and have found it quite useful to me in my work both now as a Professor of Higher Education and previously when I was with the National Institutes of Health and the U. S. Office of Education.

I thought you might find the enclosed provisional draft of the Board of Higher Education staff's recommendations relative to Phase II of the Illinois "Master Plan" of interest. As you probably know, there has been considerable criticism of some of the proposals. Specifically, the State's private college group questions the need for additional public institutions at this time; the concept of systems, each under a chancellor, is unpopular to many; and other groups question the advisability of restricting funds for additional residence halls and thus relying almost completely on commuter campuses in the future. In light of the apparently unexpected criticism the Board is now in the process of holding a series of public meetings and will make its final recommendations in the near future after all public hearings have been held.

Sincerely yours,

Donald W. Robinson
Professor of Higher Education
TORMAL Retired Teachers Association

A.R. Mead

TAINESVILLE, FLORIDA,
1/22/1967.

DR. M. W. CHAMBERS,
School of Education,
Indiana University,
Bloomington, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Chambers:-

In the Phi Delta Kappan I noted you were at Indiana University and also that you advocated free tuition in colleges and universities. Thanks. I spent several years laboring in the history of American education and came out with the conviction the same as you are reported to hold, i.e., that public educational facilities should be free from tuition.

Now under the guise of fees in some areas near here, high schools average $120 a year for fees. And you know what this does to some students. We have a new governor who is pledged to no increase in taxes but he wants fees increases in state agencies. He seems to ignore the fact that fees paid the state are taxes.

I hope you will continue to urge your point of view.

The explosions in population and costs have caused many to seek the easy way to support public schools, i.e. tax the children, youth and their parents. It is a strong tendency and will be difficult to curb or weaken.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A.R. Mead.

Dr. A. R. Mead,
NRTA State Director.
Professor M. M. Chambers  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana  

Dear Professor Chambers:

I have become very much interested in the study that you made of college statistics. If you have a full report available I should appreciate a copy.

In one way however, your report could be amended and this applies particularly to New Jersey. Approximately 50% of the New Jersey students go to college outside the State. Most people think that this is because we do not have enough facilities within the State. We had Heald Hobson make a special report for us and we found this to be untrue. While the percentage will go down to about 47% by 1970 the numbers will increase from 60,000 to 75,000. And the reason the percentage will go down is not because those who are not going out of the State will stay within the State, but because of the opening of 16 new Community colleges which will draw large groups not going to college at the present time and these will be mainly people in the bottom 40% of the high school graduating classes.

In conjunction with this it might be well to read Eckle's report on the mobility of students. Dr. Eckles made this report for New York State and he found that no matter how many places are created within the State the percentage going outside the State tends to remain the same.

If you were figuring out the excellence of your own hometown you would take two elements: "Capital expenses and expenses for students enrolled." If you happened to
be in a very rich town where half of the students went out of town or let us say were taken care of in a parochial school, you would not divide the total expense by the total number of students whether they went out of town or in a parochial school, you would still divide by the number of students in the public school system. Therefore, I think that an additional table is necessary and which will be more meaningful. I think it is important to take the total expenditures for capital and for operations and to divide that by the number of students in the public institutions within the State.

I have been making this statement, but in the case of New Jersey, since it is such a small State and since within one hour's time there are over a hundred institutions that draw students away as commuting students, dividing the money spent by the number of students in public institutions within the State is meaningless.

I should like to discuss the problem with you. As a matter of fact if you would like to meet with me in New York we will be glad to pay your expenses. What you are doing is extremely important, but it does put New Jersey unnecessarily at a great disadvantage.

I shall be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Peter Sammartino
Chancellor

PS: js
Dear Dr. Chambers:

Thank you so much for including me on your list of persons to receive "Grapevine". Although the ACT and its previous officers have received it, I am grateful to have a personal copy which I can keep and use myself in my professional library. Soon you should receive a copy of our request for the reservation of two copies of "Nine Years of Grapevine" which we plan to place in our Research library.

It was extremely interesting to read the issue Number 109 and compare the budgets of the "universities" listed in Table 83 and also in Table 82. It would be interesting to compare these listings with a comparable listing for the developing state college systems and other "state university systems" throughout the United States. Having recently moved from the California State Colleges, I know that their budget exceeds that of the University of Illinois for 1967-68 by $65,000,000 which would place them in third place on Table 82 and also in third place on Table 83. Of course, the State University of New York includes as only one of its parts the group of institutions which would correspond to the California State Colleges. I am not sure what the group of Wisconsin State Universities or Minnesota State Colleges might have as total budget but they also might have a total which would place them in these rankings. Since the name universities and the definition of "universities" are quite different in many cases, (University of Redlands or University of San Diego), both of which are very small institutions and basically liberal arts colleges, it is extremely difficult to know what institutions should be placed in such a listing. However, I note that you have begun such a listing by including the Texas A & M system. It might be a very worthwhile and interesting comparison to include some of these other developing "systems" which are budgeted as large units and see where they fit in the total financing picture for higher education. It might also
be interesting to compare the total number of students at undergraduate and graduate level with these financial support comparasions. I'm sure the total for the Texas Coordinating Board—which appears to control the University of Texas as one of its units—would be enormous if everything were included which becomes part of the budget.

I am enclosing a copy of the questionnaire which I sent out last year and which we are now in the process of tabulating. After the report is complete, I will certainly furnish you with one and you may quote from it as you please.

Thank you again for making the "Grapevine" available to me.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Harclerode
President

FH:ss
Enclosure
August 5, 1969

Illinois State University Foundation
Normal,
Illinois 61761

Attention: President Braden

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a contribution in the sum of $50.00 to the Illinois State University Foundation to be used for the future support of "Grapevine." Dr. M. M. Chambers has put this out free for years and we at ACT have been receiving copies from him. Thus, we are happy to make a small contribution to help him and your institution in the support of this very useful service.

Sincerely yours,

Fred F. Harclerode
President

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cc: M. M. Chambers
June 18, 1969

Mr. M. M. Chambers
Education Building
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Dear Mr. Chambers:

It is good to hear from you and to know you are keeping up the good work on publication of Grapevine. We read your publication with great interest and, thanks to your diligent efforts, with a great deal of confidence in its accuracy.

Governor Preston Smith has not signed the general appropriations bill for next year. We will send the information you requested as soon as we can be certain that the figures we report are actual appropriations and not subject to veto.

Please keep up your good work.

Sincerely,

Bevington Reed
Commissioner
November 5, 1969

Professor M. M. Chambers
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Professor Chambers:

Dr. Harold E. Hoelscher, Dean of our School of Engineering, has shown me copies of your newsletter, Grapevine. I think this is a most useful publication, and I am very grateful to you for sharing this information with us.

I have asked our Director of Commonwealth Relations to send you for inclusion in Grapevine information concerning state tax legislation and other legislation affecting education.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Wesley W. Posvar
Chancellor
November 18, 1969

Mr. M. M. Chambers  
Department of Educational Administration  
Illinois State University  
Normal, Illinois 61761  

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I had the pleasure today of reading the write-up concerning Georgia State University in the November issue of GRAPEVINE. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in putting this material in your outstanding publication, and always know of our appreciation for your interest in our institution. I have been reading GRAPEVINE for some time, and it is a helpful source of vital information on higher education.

Please accept our very best wishes, and come and see us at Georgia State University.

Sincerely,

Noah Langdale, Jr.  
President

NL:js
June 30, 1970

Dr. M. M. Chambers  
Department of Educational Administration  
and Higher Education  
Illinois State University  
Normal, Illinois  

Dear Doctor Chambers:

I have always enjoyed reading your publication entitled "Grapevine" since it describes the most recent information on state legislation and state financing.

I will be leaving my position as Vice-Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System to become the new Executive Secretary of the Illinois Junior College Board. Therefore, I would appreciate having an address change made so that I can receive your publication at my new address as follows:

Fred L. Wellman, Executive Secretary  
Illinois Junior College Board  
544 Ites Park Place  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

It is my understanding that Gerald Smith who is the current Executive Secretary of the Illinois Junior College Board, will become a member of the faculty at Illinois State University to assist with your program of higher education. I am certainly pleased that Gerald Smith has decided to join the staff at Illinois State University since that is my alma mater.

Thank you again for your assistance. My best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Fred L. Wellman  
Vice-Chancellor
January 18, 1972

Dr. Garven Hudgins, Director
Office of Research and Information
National Association of State Universities
and Land-Grant Colleges
One Dupont Circle, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Dr. Hudgins:

I have just received the recent edition of Appropriations of State Tax Funds for Operating Expenses of Higher Education by M. M. Chambers. As you are aware, this is a most valuable resource document for many institutions, and I want to commend you and Dr. Chambers for the tremendous contribution you make to the higher education community. This year's edition is especially attractive in format. The prefatory notes are informative and incisive.

However, one matter that has been of concern to us, I should like to call to your attention. The inclusion in state appropriations of money for activities such as agricultural and home demonstration agents, hospitals, etc., distorts the analysis of the funds made available for on-campus instructional, research and service purposes directly related to main line university functioning. If it would be possible to factor total appropriations into these categories for this summary report, it would make an already valuable publication much more so. I am aware, as you are, of the difficulty in doing this, but nevertheless, the press for comparative data is sufficiently great that we would certainly commend this problem to your attention.

Thanks again for the publication and for its timely distribution.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Joseph T. Sutton
Vice President
Mr. M. M. Chambers  
Department of Educational Administration  
Illinois State University  
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Mr. Chambers:

We enjoy the Grapevine and the perspective it affords us. Keep up the good work!

I did want to comment on some data in the April issue. Table 48, p. 1051, lists a percentage of 2.84 for Nebraska. Based on our data, the percentage of Nebraska's total population which was enrolled in public institutions of higher education in 1970-71 was 3.98% if the public vocational technical colleges are included, or 3.48% if those schools are not included (i.e. 58,400/1,467,400; or 51,000/1,467,400).

Sincerely,

Ray Thompson  
Director

cc: Council on Higher Education  
State of Washington  
1020 East Fifth Street  
Olympia, Washington 98504
STATE OF KANSAS
BOARD OF REGENTS

April 5, 1972

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Ed. Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

Attached is a penciled copy of the financial information which you requested in your note of March 27.

The State colleges and universities received a 5% salary increase for all faculty including Research and Extension personnel. The classified employees (secretarial, janitorial, etc.) received an additional pay step on the merit scale which was withheld by the last legislative session. Our general overall percentage increase in State Funds was 11%.

The Legislature took on a new program in the form of tuition grants. This program was funded in the amount of $1,037,000 and will be used to assist needy students whose desire is to attend a private college. We have the feeling that the tuition grant program will be tested in the courts since there appears to be some question as to the discriminatory provision conditions which could arise.

We had several bills introduced which would have caused us trouble. One was a bill which would require each full-time faculty to teach a minimum of twelve semester hours each semester. Another would have closed the Schools of Education at the three universities. Still another would have created a coordinating board of sorts; and one would have done away with our state-wide building fund levy. All these were killed in committee.

I hope this is all the information you need and we would again say, "Keep up the good work!"

Sincerely yours,

Max Bickford
Executive Officer
April 6, 1972

Mr. Chambers
Department of Educational Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Thank you for your letter requesting information on New York State appropriations for operating expenses of higher education.

We will be happy to supply you with the requested information as soon as the Legislature passes the Supplemental Budget, which should occur in April or early May.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul T. Veillette
Chief Budget Examiner
October 25, 1972

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Educational
Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

I was very pleased to receive "grapevine" for October, 1972.
Needless to say, I went down your Table 97 with a great deal of interest.
I noticed that only eight states had a larger ten year gain in state
appropriations in support of higher education than Ohio had between
1962-63 and 1972-73. It is interesting also to note that only four of
the eight states which exceeded our record in Ohio were large states
(Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania).

Needless to say, I am very proud of that record, and I suspect there
are only a few persons who have any understanding of how it was achieved.
Even so, I think the record is not good enough, and the state should have
done even more. While the rate of progress slowed down in California,
Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, and even Illinois, the level of support in those
states remains quite outstanding.

I am putting your name on the mailing list for the various publications
which we are getting out here in the Academy. I hope these may be of some
interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
John D. Millett
Vice President and
Director, Management Division
November 29, 1972

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Visiting Professor of Educational Administration
and Consultant on Higher Education
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

I have just seen a copy of your study for 1972-73 on Appropriations of State Tax Funds for Operating Expenses of Higher Education. I was glad to see the material on page 2 concerning the steps we have taken at the University of New Hampshire in our continuing effort to increase educational opportunity in the state. Many thanks.

You may also be interested in several fact sheets sent out from my office that bear on the same subject, as well as a satirical newsletter on New Hampshire's support of higher education that went out a few weeks ago.

With appreciation for the good work you are doing for higher education, I am

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Bonner
President

Encl.
OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
STATE CAPITOL
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

January 24, 1973

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Educational Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

I appreciate receiving copies of GRAPEVINE and we are, of course, happy to provide data you request from us concerning Oklahoma's appropriations for support of higher education.

In GRAPEVINE Number 173, December, 1972, you have published statistics concerning state tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of local public junior colleges for fiscal years 1970-71 through 1972-73 in Table 1, page 1102. If I understand correctly the contents of the table, records in this office do not show the same figures you published. Also, records of our office do not show the same data you present in Table 2, page 1103 for Oklahoma concerning state tax-fund appropriations for operating expenses of state junior colleges.

We have, of course, provided you from this office data concerning state appropriations and allocations for educational and general budgets in the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. If the data in GRAPEVINE referred to above were obtained from our correspondence with you, it appears that you have misinterpreted some of these data. If I can be of help to you in further explaining data we have given you, please let me know. Of course, if you have gathered the data from some source other than our office, you may want to check it against the data we supplied you and reconcile differences.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Cople
Vice-Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs

EJC:b1h
August 7, 1973

Dr. M. M. Chambers  
Department of Educational Administration  
Illinois State University  
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I am writing to point out that there should be a correction on page 1157 of the August 1973 issue #181 of Grapevine.

In 1974-75 you have listed the state tax funds appropriated for the operating expenses of Plymouth State College as $1,675,000. Much as I wish this were true, the correct statement should be $1,542,000. It is evident that whoever compiled the figures used the figure for Keene State College instead of the figure of Plymouth State College in the second year of the biennium.

I am sure that it does both your heart and mine good, however, to see that we have broken through and are apparently on the upgrade so far as percentage increase is concerned for state operating funds. We couldn't have been much worse than we were previously. I think that a great deal of credit goes to the tremendous team effort headed up by University of New Hampshire System President Thomas Bonner and to the faith which the legislature has in us in spite of an effort by the Governor to hold our appropriation to a very considerably smaller figure.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

Harold E. Hyde  
President

HEH:bk
February 8, 1973

Mr. M. M. Chambers
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Here is a copy of something I have recently completed. Since you have kindly shared your efforts with us, I’m reciprocating.

Thank you for providing us with a continuous source of useful information.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Parker
Financial Analyst

CAP:LH
Enclosure
August 22, 1973

Mr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Educational Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Mr. Chambers:

I am writing to request that the Montana Commission on Post-Secondary Education be added to your mailing list for the 'Grapevine' reports.

Kindly bill us for the amount due.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Pat Callan

PC:cm

Please put him on list
1965-1972 September 1973
August 7, 1973

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Educational Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Merritt:

Every time a copy of "Grapevine" comes to my desk it reminds me that I have not written to you expressing appreciation for your work at Illinois State University through your most effective teaching and your various publications. While we had very little close, personal contact, I feel very much as though I knew you well through our mutual contacts with the graduate students at Illinois State.

It should not come as a surprise to you that they dearly loved you and respected very much your competence as a teacher and your warm human qualities which you added to their graduate experience. It is wonderful that during all the months of strife and turmoil at Illinois State that there are a number of steady, dedicated teachers who have not forgotten what a university is all about. To be respected, admired, and thought of as a great teacher at any university today is a most worthy accomplishment, and you fill the bill in all these respects.

We are pretty well settled down here in Tallahassee. I have gone through a legislative session and the planning for a new year. It is a lot of work and, occasionally, some fun but it is very worthwhile.

I hope you will keep up the good work at Normal.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Hulet
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

REH/km

cc: President Gene A. Budig
November 8, 1974

Professor M. M. Chambers  
Department of Educational Administration  
Illinois State University  
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Chambers:

I have just read your November number and liked your remarks very much. Indeed you are far too modest for your publication which has been a godsend for most of us during the years I was actively interested in these same questions of higher education. I wish one of our organizations would put you on salary and provide for a continuance of this publication permanently.

I have been going to so few meetings that I have not seen you. I hope you are still able to go and that your health will remain the best for a long, long time.

Cordially,

ELMER ELLIS

EE:ds
February 19, 1974

Dr. M.M. Chambers
Department of Educational Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois  61761

Dear Doctor Chambers:

Thank you for your letter of February 12 pertaining to my comments on the appropriations for the community colleges. I certainly appreciate your prompt response and explanation and can certainly understand the need to move as quickly as possible.

In the future we will try to keep you informed on these matters although I presume you also receive some data from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Keep up the good work. My best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Fred L. Wellman
Executive Secretary

FLW: cb
March 7, 1975

Dr. M. M. Chambers  
Department of Educational Administration  
Illinois State University  
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

Enclosed is a copy of the appropriations recommendations of the Governor to the legislature—along with our original recommendations.

The Governor's budget request is the smallest increase in the period since the end of World War II. While the State has a serious revenue problem, the relative share of the budget going to higher education declined again this year, despite a projected growth of 5 percent in enrollment.

The Governor eliminated the tuition grant program from his budget because its constitutional status is under a cloud. After the Governor's budget was prepared, the Supreme Court stayed, pending appeal, the decision of a three-judge Federal panel that the State's program violated separation of church and state. The legislature may restore funds to that program (about $4 to $5 million), even though their general attitude about higher education is that it is a fat cat and doesn't need more money.

Sincerely,

John K. Folger

Enclosure
Dr. M.M. Chambers  
Department of Educational Administration  
Illinois State University  
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

As I read the latest issue of *Grapevine*, I thought for the hundredth time, certainly, that I really ought to write and tell you that I use the information that it brings to me frequently enough that I read it on the day of receipt. There are any number of occasions when having a bit of information enables me to make a point in discussion or conversation or to have a bit of information for a report that I might not otherwise have. I must apologize for not writing on the occasions when I do use the information in *Grapevine*, but felt this time that it was time to do so.

I do hope that in some way or other you are managing to keep track of what is going on in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We have, as you know, a new governor this year and the state's fiscal problems, although I must admit that I don't understand them, appear to be immense and extraordinarily critical. I hope that your list of correspondents in Massachusetts is such that you can write to some of them to get authoritative and up-to-date reports about what is going on. I am in touch a good deal with other land grant institutions in the Northeast and, of the bunch, feel that the University of Massachusetts is probably in the most serious budgetary trouble (although Connecticut may be running us a close race).

Once again, let me tell you how much I appreciate continuing to receive *Grapevine* and hope that you will continue it for many years to come.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

William C. Venman  
Director  
Continuing Education
May 5, 1975

Dear Professor Chambers,

In recent correspondence, we discussed legislative prospects for higher education in Kansas. The Legislature has gone home after making the following appropriations for the University of Kansas:

Operating Budgets  
(Excludes Capital Improvements and Auxiliary Enterprises)

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<th>% Incr. General Revenue</th>
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<td>Medical Center</td>
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<td>$59,127,760 19.7%</td>
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As you know, the critical figures above are the General Revenue appropriations, since these are tax funds. We feel exceptionally fortunate to have this strong support from our Governor and Legislature. In addition to the operating appropriations, the Legislature also funded a number of important capital projects.

I thought you might like to have this information in view of the dismal reports one hears so frequently these days.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Archie R. Dykes  
Chancellor

Professor M. M. Chambers  
Department of Educational Administration  
Illinois State University  
Normal, Illinois 61761
April 26, 1976

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Education Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

Enclosed is a table showing Tennessee's appropriations for the fiscal year 1976-77. Final figures were only recently approved and this has been our first chance to respond to your recent request.

As you can see there are several new line items this year. However, most of these are just separate appropriations for agencies that have been included in another function in past years. A new addition is the section on State Technical Institutes. These institutions are governed by the same board that governs elementary and secondary education, and have never been reported here before. But they should be because the students at these schools are definitely high school graduates and should be classified as "higher education." We regret that they have been excluded in the past. The appropriation figures that you listed in your letter are substantially correct and we would appreciate it if you would add them to the past years' reports. Hopefully all future reports will be submitted more properly.

Thank you for your patience in this matter and keep up the good work that Grapevine has been doing since its conception. It really is a helpful publication.

Sincerely,

James R. Spillman
Associate Director for Fiscal Affairs
November 14, 1975

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Professor of Educational Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

We were pleased to learn from the figures you supplied The Chronicle of Higher Education that Oklahoma has done a little better in supporting higher education these past two years. The figures tend to prove the effectiveness of this organization, of course.

Your statistical endeavors over the years have been of great value to the nation. Let me express my personal thanks to you and your colleagues for this unique service.

One question, sir, and it is important: Will you be issuing up-to-date figures on state appropriations per student? In past years that particular table has been most helpful, although controversial hereabouts as you may remember.

I hope you can collect new enrollment figures soon and come up with a report of that kind.

Again, we appreciate your work.

Cordially,

Carter W. Bradley
December 14, 1976

Professor M.M. Chambers
Department of Educational Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Professor Chambers:

It's now been almost two years since you were kind enough to assist me in my capacity, then, as Staff Director of the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education in New York. In recent weeks the Task Force Report has finally, if very quietly, been publicly released. In accordance with your request, far too long ago, find enclosed a copy of our report. Needless to say I would be most interested in any reaction or comments you might have.

I also noticed in Grapevine a recent announcement of a bibliography dealing with Higher Education and State Government. I am ordering a copy of that under separate cover. However, I thought you might be also interested in a copy of a bibliography I did about two years ago titled "The Politics of Higher Education: A Selective Bibliography". Find enclosed a copy of that also.

Many thanks for your assistance - both to me directly and through Grapevine over the past few years.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick S. Lane
Director of Institutional Research

Enclosures
February 24, 1977

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Ednl. Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

We do appreciate receiving your item dealing with autonomy for state universities. This is very timely and will be most helpful to the staff in our General Counsel's Office and to others here who are following this subject very closely. Thank you so very much.

We will certainly let you know what finally comes out of our General Assembly later in the year.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. BEZONI
Vice President for
Finance & Treasurer
Mr. M. M. Chambers  
Department of Educational Administration  
Illinois State University  
Normal, Illinois 61761  

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Enclosed you will find two lists of appropriations and allocations for operating expenses of higher education in Mississippi for fiscal year 1979–1980. List one shows a comparison between 1978–1979 and 1979–1980 appropriations, but it does not indicate the individual allocations by schools. List two gives a breakdown according to institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. Figures are included for vocational education and for the junior college general support. Some other items which are itemized on list one are totaled under one heading on list two. Hopefully, with the information provided on these two lists, you will be able to see the complete picture of state appropriations for higher education in Mississippi.

During the 1979 session, the Mississippi Legislature appropriated $700,000.00 for the development and implementation of a comprehensive and uniform management information system for the eight state-supported universities. This system is to be completed by January 1, 1983.

The *Grapevine* is an asset in helping our office keep abreast of developments in higher education throughout the country. We appreciate your interest in Mississippi, and we are pleased to contribute the requested information. If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

E. R. Thrash  
Executive Secretary and Director

EET: mj

Enclosures
August 31, 1978

Dear Dr. Chambers:

Let me first of all express belatedly my thanks for your assistance over the years and particularly last year when you provided me with your publication "Appropriations of State Tax Funds for Operating Expenses of Higher Education, 1976 - 1977." It was very helpful to me in determining the appropriate fees to be assessed each state.

Since we try to assess fees on the most current state appropriations, I am writing to inquire if you can arrange to mail me at the address at the bottom of this letterhead the 1977-1978 publication. If there is a charge please include your billing.

Thanks much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Lloyd H. Nygaard

*Signed*

Mailed 9-16-78
May 29, 1979

Mr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Educational Administration
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Mr. Chambers:

Attached is the information you requested concerning appropriations for 1979-80 operating expenses of higher education in New York State.

These figures do not include potential Supplemental Budget increases or salary adjustments for the University classified service, management and professional service. These potential increases will not exceed Presidential Wage Guidelines.

Your publications have been very useful to us and we welcome the opportunity to contribute to your efforts.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul T. Veillette
Chief Budget Examiner

Att.
June 5, 1979

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Educational Administration
and Foundation
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

In response to earlier comments made in "Grapevine", I am providing information on the attachment to you regarding the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

While Arkansas has a strong rural atmosphere, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, located in the business, financial, geographic and governmental center of the State has been designated as Arkansas' Urban University. The attached statement regarding our current status might be of help to you as you so identify urban public universities in big cities.

We appreciate your publication and information it has supplied to us over the years. Please keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

G. Robert Ross
Chancellor

Attachment
December 3, 1979

Dr. M. M. Chambers
Department of Educational Administration and Foundations
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois 61761

Dear Dr. Chambers:

As a longtime "Grapeviner," I am many years negligent in writing and thanking you for the fine job you have done over the years for higher education.

In developing the comprehensive data which you present and with the limited resources I assume you have to do so, a small number of errors is predictable. The one which I wish to point out to you is for your information only and need not be communicated to your readers.

In the December, 1979 issue of "Grapevine" concerning community colleges, (page 1635), you state that "North Carolina has a separate system of community colleges and technical institutions that reports only a lump appropriation to both systems as a whole." In fact, the systems are not separate but consist of 58 institutions established under the General Statute (115D) and governed by the State Board of Education under the direction of the Department of Community Colleges. Both types of institutions are identical and have the ability to offer the same types of programs with the exception that technical institutes or technical colleges are not allowed to offer the two-year college transfer program. Otherwise, they are identical.

Until the last Legislative Session, there were only technical institutes and community colleges. New legislation allows technical institutes to adopt the name technical college if they prefer but not to change their mission. In the first five months of the fiscal year, exactly half have chosen to do so and more are expected in the future. Currently, there are 23 community colleges, 17 technical institutes and 18 technical colleges.

Again, this is only for your information. Thanks again for your many years of assistance.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Blake
December 10, 1979

Mr. Larry J. Blake, State President
Department of Community Colleges
North Carolina State Board of Education
Raleigh, NC 27611

Dear Mr. Blake:

Thank you very much indeed for your informative letter of December 3.

You have given us just the kind of information we need to keep us up to date from time to time.

You are right in thinking Grapevine is a small and modest enterprise, not only because we have little money, but also because it is our inclination to keep it extremely brief and on a high level of generality—-that is, our tabulations are generally kept to a column or less in length, and when we write about several states we can hardly give more than a sentence or two to each one. Thus we gloss over some details, and sometimes our figures are reasonable approximations rather than print-outs of decimal point accuracy.

Thanks again for your interest and generous assistance.

Greetings and good wishes.

M. M. Chamber
Dear Merritt:

I was delighted to see you quoted only a week or two ago in your usual (and deserved) role as sage on financial matters affecting colleges and universities. This is good news.

Do you still publish the Grapevine? If so, can I get back on the mailing list? If not, can something be done about it?

After several years in Washington, D.C. (during which time I did a study of the financial status of private colleges and universities) I spent six years back in the Midwest as a college president. I have been for the last year a professor of higher education at the University of Connecticut—and loving it.

The spring of this academic year I will introduce a course on the Economics and Finance of Higher Education. I should be grateful for any assistance you can provide me: Grapevine, sources of information, topics you would want to be sure I do not miss, works in print you consider especially valuable, researchers at work in the field whom you judge competent—even old syllabi. In short, I welcome your thoughts on the matter.

Tell me, too, what you are up to personally these days. Do you still teach at the university? Do you travel? To professional meetings or just for the fun of going somewhere?

I remember your saying many years ago that the most important but unnoticed case of discrimination in higher education concerned women. Some of them must have been listening.

Lois joins me in sending our best.

Sincerely,