SUMMARY

The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends funding in the amount of $350,000 to provide ongoing funding for UCAT Central Administration.

OBJECTIVE

Administration supports such functions as budget, data processing, academic and student support.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

When UCAT was created in 2001, the Legislature appropriated $250,000 in one-time funding for the Administrative operating budget. Following that one-time appropriation, funding was reduced for most state programs and the Legislature was unable to appropriate ongoing funding. In FY 2003, another one-time appropriation was made in the amount of $242,600.

The UCAT Central Administration includes two executive positions, one secretarial position, and 0.4 FTE financial officer to administer the entire College. Ongoing funding to increase the 0.4 FTE financial officer to a full-time position, add an IT director, and provide an operational budget is necessary. The Analyst recommends ongoing funding in the amount of $350,000 for FY 2007.