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Department Representative Announcement

Stony Brook West Chapter

Dear UUP Department Representatives,
Below is FYI...
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Forwarded by Daniel Kinney/Lib on 06/05/2008 03:05 PM -----
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Chapter Presidents:

The SUNY Budget (Reduction) Plan has been accepted as presented by the Governor's Office and DOB. I recommend that you take a look at the document linked here:
<http://www.budget.state.ny.us/budgetFP/spendingReductions/agencyPlansPDF/SUNYFMPFinalspendingplanasof5-28-08.pdf> This is a 10-page PDF, I didn't want to clog your email boxes sending it out raw.

Regarding this document, I draw your attention to:

1. The financial impact -- a \$50M reduction in General Fund (i.e. State support) allocation dollars, plus a \$100M reduction in spending from Special Revenues (tuition, etc.).
2. Language concerning so-called "Hard and Soft Freezes." The Gov.'s Office was unwilling to comply with our request to remove this language. Interestingly (and unfortunately), this language is not apparent in the plans of other agencies.
3. The \$100M spending reduction is in two parts: \$60M from University Revenue Funds (tuition, etc.) is a REAL hit; However, the \$40M also from Revenue Fund expenditures may have much less of an impact.

Please take a look at Attachment 2, which outlines the financial impact upon individual campuses. I want to emphasize one important point -- this attachment outlines the impact of the initial \$38.8M General Fund reduction -- IT DOES NOT REFLECT THE ADDITIONAL \$11.2M

The system-wide impact shown on Attachment 2 reflects a 2.73% reduction of state support from last year (see the "Total Campuses" line on page 7). The

impact of the additional \$11.2M decrease will be approximately 0.8 - 1.0%. SUNY has applied the initial 2.73% decrease to each campus via the BAP (Budget Allocation Process). And I was told last Friday in a Joint Labor/Management meeting with SUNY that they intend to apply the additional \$11.2M cut also via the BAP. This means that each campus will have a decrease in funding of approximately 4% (some campus get more, some get less -- see column 4 on page 7).

The budget numbers also do not reflect an approximate \$20-25M "absorption" of mandatory costs system-wide that otherwise would have been paid by state support. So the additive effect of the "new budget plan" decreases SUNY funding from last year by nearly \$70-75M! Depending on the impact of the \$60M spending reduction, the cumulative decrease could easily approach 7% system-wide.

Attachment 4 describes some additional details on what's termed BAP II. Note that it creates, so-called, "Baskets," which further distribute funds. Part of all of this is related to tuition revenues at each campus. Please note: Tuition revenues are DOWN at nearly half of the SUNY campuses (see "Campus Revenue" in column 3 of page 7).

The Bottom Line: We need your help in closely monitoring any activity on your individual campus that may impact our members. Pay attention to how vacancies are handled, and their impact on workload, etc. Also, please be especially attentive to any talk or rumors about non-renewals due to financial circumstances on your campus. We need to know about anything along these lines ASAP!

What we're doing now: I'm working with the other officers, staff and consultants to ramp up our Action Plan moving us forward under these extremely difficult financial times for SUNY and our members. I am leaving no stone unturned to get us an agreement -- at the highest level possible -- that will provide assurances that no jobs will be lost due to financial constraints resulting from SUNY's plan.

I will keep you informed about our progress and I will be seeking your advice as we proceed.

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