

March Budget Campaign Talking Points

1. The 2005-06 Executive Budget calls for an increase in SUNY's spending authority (\$85 million). Without this \$85 million – that SUNY identified as the minimum required for the basic needs of the University – the State-Operated campuses will be forced to lay off as many as 1,700 academic and professional faculty and cut classes and programs that will impact 34,000 SUNY students.

Tell the Legislative leaders that SUNY must have the full \$85 million for the basic needs of the University. These needs include:

- **more full-time academic and professional faculty lines**
- **funding for the Technology Colleges' transition to four-year college status**
- **more librarians and library resources**

2. UUP **supports** the increased funding for the SUNY hospitals in the 2005-06 Executive Budget proposal.

UUP **opposes** the 0.7 percent tax on gross hospital revenues in the 2005-06 Executive Budget proposal; the plans to transfer the SUNY hospitals to private, not-for-profit status; and cuts to Medicaid and Graduate Medical Education funding.

Tell the Legislative leaders to increase – not cut – funding for the SUNY hospitals and their vital public health mission, and to immediate end plans to privatize these essential institutions.

3. UUP **opposes** the \$7.48 million cut (48 percent) in funding for the Educational Opportunity Program in the 2005-06 Executive Budget proposal.

Tell the Legislative leaders to increase funding for SUNY's opportunity programs.