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TO: All Faculty and Staff

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RE: SUNY \$90 Million 2009-10 Mid-Year Reductions and 2010-11 Budget Request

As I mentioned in my last memo to the College community on October 15, 2009, SUNY had a \$90 million 2009-10 mid-year reduction target established as its portion of the \$500 million reduction assigned by the Governor and the Division of the Budget to all state agencies. Chancellor Zimpher's Budget Taskforce, made up of a number of campus presidents, chief business officers, provosts and vice presidents for research, has considered these reductions as well as the 2010-11 budget request. SUNY System Administration's recommendations based on their work have been approved earlier today by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

2009-10 SUNY Mid-Year \$90 Million Reduction

- \$67.3 million in permanent reductions in 2009-10 has been distributed to the campuses, with the remaining \$22.7 million covered by one-time funds at the System level.
 - The campuses were assigned the smaller of two possible reduction scenarios based on state tax support or the full financial plan, with the remaining small amount distributed proportionately.
- \$22.7 million in remaining permanent distributions will be made to the campuses in 2010-11.

2009-10 College at Brockport Mid-Year Reduction

- \$1,290,300 in permanent reductions has been assigned to the College in 2009-10 as our share of the \$67.3 SUNY million mid-year reduction. All other SUNY campuses received their share.
- \$450,000 in additional permanent reductions are estimated for 2010-11 to make up for the remainder of the SUNY 2009-10 mid-year reduction.
- This total of \$1.74 million in permanent budget reduction is extremely serious and over the next few months we will need to continue to be good stewards of our institution, making decisions that will ensure our financial future while working thoughtfully to advance the College. It is more important than ever that all of us bring our most creative and flexible ideas forward to increase our revenues and reduce our expenditures. In fact, Dr. Jim Haynes and the Budget and Resource Committee will be soliciting ideas from our community.

- While our cash reserves have been accumulated over time for these contingencies, the amount of prior and current permanent budget reductions will begin to deplete these resources very quickly.
- Campuses will be required to report to SUNY System Administration in December summarizing how they will manage these reductions

2010-11 SUNY Budget Request

- The SUNY 2010-11 budget request asks for an additional \$106.1 million in state support for the state operated campuses, along with a two percent tuition increase effective in fall 2010.
- State support requested increases are \$81.4 million for contractual salary increases, \$8.2 million for general inflation and \$16.5 million for the tuition share adjustment (10%) from the prior budget process.
- The two percent tuition increase is planned for all tuition categories; however, the full-time undergraduate in-state tuition rate would exceed the current TAP limit of \$5,000.
 - Although SUNY has not yet provided specifics, the unmet TAP need above \$5,000 for full-time in-state undergraduates will be “self-funded”, effectively reducing it to a \$30 or 0.6 percent increase, while all other rates will presumably increase by two percent.
- *It is essential that the SUNY budget request for 2010-11 be fully funded, and not be reduced as has happened in prior years, or additional reductions would be distributed to the campuses further exacerbating the very difficult financial circumstances. Therefore, all of our collective advocacy for SUNY is essential.*

Due to the serious financial situation which continues to exist in New York State, and which continues to have such serious consequences for SUNY and the campuses, we will call a meeting of the leadership of all campus constituencies prior to the winter break to inform them more fully about our current situation and our plans to manage through this crisis. Yet, we thought it best – as always – to get this essential information out to our campus as soon as we had the financial data.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about this material.