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TO: All Faculty and Staff

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RE: SUNY \$90 Million Reduction Target for 2009-10

As I'm sure most of you have heard, New York State is facing about a \$3.5 billion budget deficit for the 2009-10 fiscal year. On October 6, Governor Paterson directed all state agencies to implement a total of \$500 million in current-year spending cuts. This action represents approximately an 11 percent across-the-board reduction in each agency's 2009-10 "non-personal services" budget. The full press release can be found at http://www.ny.gov/governor/press/press_1006092.html.

Budget Director Robert L. Megna issued guidelines for implementing the \$500 million in 2009-10 reductions to state agency heads. "To achieve an additional \$500 million in 2009-10 reductions, you should continue to eliminate expenses outside your agency's core mission. Moreover, while we know you have already done substantial work to reduce your agency's printing, travel, vehicle, lease, energy, postage, and consultant contract costs, you must go even further, in concert with the efforts of Governor Paterson's Office of Taxpayer Accountability (OTA)."

SUNY has had a \$90 million reduction target established as its portion of the \$500 million reduction and Chancellor Nancy Zimpher has developed a proactive approach to managing this challenge. A work group of campus presidents, chief business officers, provosts and vice presidents for research has been created and this group, led by SUNY System Administration Senior Staff, will act quickly to develop recommended strategies for review by the Chancellor and the campus presidents. Further, the Chancellor is strengthening relationships with our state government, CUNY, and the business sector in concert with launching Phase II of a new SUNY Strategic Planning Process to reposition SUNY for the future.

As more information becomes available, we will share it with the campus community. Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.