



HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

University Budget Committee
Humboldt State University

March 23, 2009

Thank you for your March 10 response to the Vice Presidents' and President's proposal for the 2009/10 budget of the university. We are pleased to see that you support much of the plan. I have vetted this budget with other groups and individuals on campus, including the Academic Senate Executive Committee. Based on all the input and recommendations that I have received, I have decided that the University will move forward with an operating budget level of \$102,040,429 for fiscal year 2009/2010, as established in the Vice Presidents' and President's proposal. Ultimately, this means that the campus will move forward with its plans to cut the operating budget by \$831,816. Within the scope of this operating budget, we will include the following key points, based on the University Budget Committee's recommendations.

1. If additional funds are realized as a consequence of increased enrollments beyond those anticipated in the budget proposal, we will add these monies to the one-time cash reserve pool.
2. We certainly agree that encouraging faculty and staff to bring additional grant monies to the university is most desirable. The Provost has a search underway for a permanent Dean for Research and Graduate Studies. We intend to ask the new Dean to develop programs to assist faculty in their efforts to obtain grant funds.
3. We will use our reserve funds as much as possible to alleviate the impact of the budget cuts.
4. The President will prepare a report at the end of the 2009/10 budget year showing how the monies in the President's Initiative Reserve Funds were used.

Thanks once again for your help and advice during these difficult budget times.

Sincerely,

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President

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