FYI:

A UC Advocate Update

Governor's budget proposes cuts to UC ● UCOP reassessing operations to maximize efficiency, budget savings ● Board of Regents to meet at UCLA

SAVE THE DATE! UC Day 2008 is quickly approaching…The annual event will be held in Sacramento on March 4th

Upon releasing his proposed 2008-09 budget, Gov. Schwarzenegger gestures at an illustration of the systemic CA budget imbalance. For more on the Governor's proposed budget, click here.

In his own words—UC President Dynes: ***"This budget proposal will have serious impacts on our ability to deliver on our mission for our students and for the people of California… State funding for the university is not an expenditure but an investment – an investment that produces real returns through an educated workforce, a dynamic economy, job creation and new tax revenue…"***

Upcoming: UC Regents to meet at UCLA

The UC Board of Regents will hold its regular business meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15, through Thursday, Jan. 17, at Covel Commons on the UCLA campus. To view the full agenda for the meeting, click here

Spotlight: UC Office of the President working to become smaller in size and more focused in its mission to minimize campus budget cuts

At a time when California is facing difficult budget challenges, the UC Office of the President is taking action to become a leaner operation. In addition to short-term cost-savings created by a vacancy control initiative, and a Voluntary Separation Program (VSP) for administrators and staff, the restructuring effort includes a Long-Range vision for UC. The effort underway headed up by Provost Rory Hume seeks to position the system-wide office to lead a university that is cross-disciplinary, nimble, innovative and responsive to the needs of society. To learn more about the ongoing UCOP administrative restructuring efforts, click here.

Dear John,

Welcome back from all of us at UC. We trust you had a safe and happy New Year! We have an informational update (FYI) regarding the UC family. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed a 2008-09 state budget with across-the-board cuts in state spending, including at the University of California, to address a projected $14.5 billion deficit.

The governor's proposal would increase funding under his "compact" with the UC system but then apply a reduction of $332 million, or 10 percent – the same percentage reduction proposed for most state General Fund programs. That would leave UC with a net state funding reduction of $109 million, or 3.4 percent, compared with the current year. However, it also would leave state funding more than $400 million below the level in the Regents' proposed budget for 2008-09.

The governor's plan provides flexibility to the university in determining the allocation of the $332 million reduction but anticipates the cut will impact student enrollments, student fees and individual programs. The governor's proposal calls for about 10 percent of the reduction to come from administrative spending and urges that cuts to instructional programs be minimized. The governor's budget does not provide funding for a student fee buyout and assumes a student fee increase of at least 7 percent in 2008-09.

The UC Regents will begin discussing the state budget and possible responses to the governor's proposal at its regular meeting this week. The board is not expected to act on budget decisions nor set student fee levels for next year until a future meeting. To read more about the impacts on UC of the Governor's proposed budget, click here.

We will continue to keep you updated as the 2008-09 budget process moves forward. Thanks again for all you do for the UC family.

Sincerely,

UC Friends