



Memorandum

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To: University Community  
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Subject: Expenditure Reductions

Many of you will receive this message in the midst of, or on your return from, Spring Break. While not ideal timing, I do feel compelled to share this update in as timely of a fashion as possible.

In response to legislative action last summer we significantly reduced the university budget for this fiscal year through a series of reductions mostly outside the academic division. Simultaneously, we reorganized the university to promote future growth and engagement. Despite positive measures to improve campus recruitment, we continue to face enrollment challenges for the coming academic year. Thus, we must implement additional expense reductions of approximately \$2 million for the coming fiscal year (beginning in July).

We recognize that these reductions will affect some of the most complex operations of the university. The Provost and the Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance are engaging their leadership teams, and the appropriate shared governance groups, as options for discussion are developed. Details will be available after spring break. I will brief the Senate at their regular meeting in late March, and the Provost and I will be visiting the colleges in the coming weeks to talk in more detail about these reductions.

As you're likely aware, our fellow UW campuses are also in the midst of proactively managing their budgets in light of enrollment challenges. I continue to believe we are in good position to weather this storm and move forward with our important mission. However, there is no doubt these reductions will diminish some functions and require us to transform and operate much differently throughout the university.

I very much appreciate your commitment to our students and your continued advocacy for the university and higher education.

Thank you.

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