



A Message from SUNY Senate President Ken O'Brien

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To All Faculty and Staff:

Below is a link with a brief message from SUNY Senate President Ken O'Brien regarding the statewide budget situation. The link with the letters contain a longish statement by him describing the recent budget resolution in Albany and its monetary impact on SUNY, and brief responses to this from SUNY Chancellor Zimpher and statewide UUP President Phil Smith.

The short version is that after announcing a \$240 million dollar cut in the core budget for SUNY in the proposed budget, the governor and legislator spent a year negotiating how they might give us some degree of financial relief from this draconian cut (which would mean 630 million in three years), but decided in the end to give us no relief at all, including any of the proposals in the PHEEIA legislation (that the Governor and Senate both endorsed in some version). Zimpher bemoans the results and Smith applauds the defeat of PHEEIA.

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/univsenate/Budgetupdate08-10.shtml>

Sincerely,

Michael Schwartz
President
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