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Hello all,

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday weekend that you are feeling refreshed and relaxed after the four day break.

Educational Planning in Response to Budget Reduction

We are currently facing a budget shortfall of a magnitude (2.3 million) that will regrettably necessitate reductions in educational programming. Consequently, I have been spending a great deal of time reviewing our education programs and consulting with Deans to determine the most appropriate strategies for making reductions.

There are many factors that need to be considered when determining where and how to make reductions to education programming. Certainly factors such as, consistently low demand, low fte production and high delivery cost must be considered. However, these factors need to be balanced against other considerations such as, potential for growth and maintenance of a diverse range of programming to meet student needs.

Essentially our goal is to make reductions in a manner that minimizes the impact on our students, faculty and staff while, at the same time, preserves the colleges' potential for future growth and ability to achieve our fte production target. This is a very challenging task, and I want to assure you that it is being given extremely careful review and consideration.

3rd Annual Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Scholarly Activity and Program Development

The Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Scholarly Activity and Program Development has grown significantly over the past two years. This year we expect it to be even larger than last year! Plans are underway for displays of staff and faculty work to completely fill the perimeter of both sides of the Upper Cafeteria. These displays will highlight the work that faculty and staff are doing with students in the classroom and in learning services. Also there will be many displays showing the broad range of scholarly activity work that is being engaged in by faculty.

*Mark your calendar, **May 15th, 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm**, and plan to display at this important college-wide event. Don't miss this opportunity to inform your colleagues about the work that you are doing and to celebrate the opportunities you are providing for our students.*

We will be celebrating our commitment to excellence and innovation and the engagement of our learners by:

- *showcasing research and scholarly activity work of faculty, students and staff*
- *recognizing the academic leadership of faculty and staff involved in program development projects*
- *showcasing instructional activities, unique program activities and student projects*

A no host bar, music and hors d'oeuvres will be provided along with many interesting table displays.

Please contact Anne Gapper (local 5520) to request information for planning a display and to reserving a display table.

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