

Subject: Budget issues for 2008/2009

May 14, 2008

To: Campus Community

From: President Richmond

Dear Students and Colleagues:

I have been working with the Vice Presidents, the University Budget Committee (UBC) and other campus groups to prepare a budget plan for the 2008/09 fiscal year. There remain many uncertainties about what funds will be allocated to the CSU when the Governor and the Legislature approve a budget later this year. I have listened to your comments and have carefully prepared a budget that integrates what we know so far. Please review the budget reduction document at <http://www.humboldt.edu/~budget/> which outlines HSU's tentative budget plan for the 2008/09 year. This budget is based on the Governor's January proposal and the preliminary campus allocations prepared by the Chancellor's Office. This plan is identical to that reviewed by the UBC and the Academic Senate, with the exception of an additional \$200,000 allocated to Administrative Affairs for maintenance of the west gymnasium.

The University Budget Committee and the Academic Senate both have reviewed the ad hoc budget review task force report and have provided me with their thoughtful feedback. After carefully considering this input, I recently met with the UBC. The UBC and I have reached general agreement on how to structure and utilize the UBC in the next academic year. A summary of our joint decisions based on the ad hoc task force proposals may be found at <http://www.humboldt.edu/~budget/>.

One of the recommendations found in the WASC review team report suggests a careful review of our budgetary processes that we will continue next year. It is possible and likely that some of the decisions reached above will need to be reconsidered in light of the WASC recommendations. The WASC report may be found at <http://www.humboldt.edu/~wasc/>.

It is important to me that I share this information with you before the semester is over, as I will not see many of you again until the fall. I have made these decisions based on the most recent budget information available to me, but the budget situation could change as the legislature continues to debate the funding of higher education. I hope you find this information useful. These issues are important for the continued success of our university. Please review the materials referenced here, and ask questions if something is not clear. You have several avenues of communication at your disposal, including the UBC members, the University Budget Director, the Vice Presidents, or me.

Have a wonderful summer.

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