

Members of the DSC Community:

We have just learned that it may be necessary to cut an additional \$4 million from the DSC budget for the 2011 fiscal year. Of this, \$2.4 million is beyond what was included in the budget recommended by the Governor last week and is therefore completely unanticipated. We have been told to report our proposed reductions to the Chancellor's office by 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 27.

A reduction of this magnitude will entail dramatic and extremely painful actions. It is very likely that entire programs will be eliminated or drastically reduced. It may be necessary, indeed, to declare a state of financial exigency, which in turn clears the way for termination of tenured faculty as well as untenured faculty and staff positions.

Because we now face a crisis, I am conferring this afternoon with the senior administrative staff, the Deans, the chairs of the Faculty Advisory Assembly and the Staff Council, and the President of the Student Government Association.

By this message I am also asking all members of the faculty and staff to attend a general meeting tomorrow, Friday, February 26, at 9:00 a.m. in Goodroe Auditorium. At that time I will acquaint you more fully with the gravity of the situation and I will solicit your advice and counsel on how best to deal with it.

While I do not want to induce panic, I must emphasize that this is a matter

of
the highest importance. I urge you to join us tomorrow
morning.