July 16, 2013

To: The Campus Community

My special thanks to all of you for your support during the past year and during the visit from the Trustees and Chancellor regarding my status as president. I am grateful and excited to be continuing to work with you to make what is now a great campus and community into an even stronger one.

Much of what we do rests upon our budget situation. I am now at work on the campus budget for 2013-14. Thankfully, the budget that Governor Brown proposed is, in fact, the one that we now have. The promising news is that, post Prop 30, we are slowly moving away from worries about cuts. The more sobering news is that Prop 30 is on the books for only 4 years; it and the governor's budget kept the wolf from the door but gave us relatively little new or restorative money.

In that vein, the vice presidents and the University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC) worked hard this year to help me develop a budget approach that centers on careful stewardship of our funds and on establishing clear priorities for budget allocations across divisions. I especially appreciate the UBAC recommendations in this regard. You can read them and my responses on the UBAC website. The posting also includes a statement of prioritized funding requests from the vice presidents.

We are close to moving forward with the "reformulated" UBAC for 2013-14 (see this document for a description of the new UBAC). Appropriate consultation has occurred. We now will embark on naming new membership. ***Thus, I am issuing a call for recommendations from the University community for the individual to serve as UBAC chair (a two-year term). Please direct your recommendations to President@csustan.edu by August 2, 2013.***

As always, thanks for your commitment to making CSU Stanislaus a better place to learn and work each day.

Sincerely,

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