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To: The Campus Community

From time to time, I'd like to send email updates on topics of significance to the entire campus community – in this case our budget situation. To avoid burdening your inbox, I will try to be brief and to send updates only as truly needed. Thanks in advance for your time and attention to these messages.

Before turning to the budget, I want to express my gratitude to the many people who have welcomed me to campus. I have started visiting college and division offices (still have a few to go) to say hello and learn more about the people who make up our campus community. With each encounter, I am increasingly impressed by everyone's enthusiasm and commitment to our students.

The fiscal year 2012-13 state budget, finalized and signed by Governor Brown on June 27th, is on everyone's mind. As anticipated, the budget contains a \$250 million, mid-year "trigger" cut to the CSU should voters fail to approve the Governor's tax initiative on the November ballot. That would mean a very serious loss of about \$5 million to our campus.

The state budget also includes a request that the UC not enact and that the CSU rescind previously approved tuition-fee increases for 2012-13. In return, the state will provide an additional \$125 million each to the CSU and the UC in 2013-14, as long as voters approve the tax initiative mentioned above. The CSU Board of Trustees will soon consider whether there is any way to accommodate the tuition-fee request without deepening the hole already created by the approximately \$1 billion cut from the CSU's budget the past few years.

Finally, Cal Grant B awards for CSU students have been reduced by five percent, further adding stress to many of our students' lives.

I will continue to keep you informed as the budget situation develops. Please also read as much as possible on your own; this will be critical to shaping campus plans in the coming months. On that same note, the ongoing hard work of the University Budget Advisory Committee (UBAC) in developing campus budget recommendations for 2012-13 (www.csustan.edu/BF/UBAC.html) is appreciated by all.

Thank you again for your attention. Difficult financial situation aside, I wish you continued enjoyment of the summer months.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph F. Sheley".

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