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To: The Campus Community

We've moved into autumn and beyond mid-semester. Taking stock, I want to update you on where we are with a number of projects, initiatives, and challenges.

Prop 30 remains on everyone's mind. As I have noted before, we have created a budget for the current year assuming that Prop 30 would not pass; that was the more responsible approach. If the assumption is wrong, our immediate financial pressure will lessen but not disappear. Approval of Prop 30 will bring a reprieve, but will not replace funding that has already been lost. We still must contend with a state economy that is a few years short of recovery. I can ask only for your continued good will and patience. The campus community will get through this together.

On a related note, you may recall my October 11 President's Update wherein I asked the campus community for proposals and recommendations regarding possible changes in the charge and membership of the [University Budget Advisory Committee](#). I am told that the Faculty Budget Advisory Committee has begun work on a recommendation. I thank them in advance for this.

Similarly, responding to a UBAC recommendation, we have launched an ad hoc workgroup to propose a charge, membership, and related processes for a new committee to examine possible cooperative, budget-relieving activities across campus divisions. I thank the workgroup's members for their efforts.

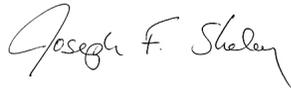
Enrollment management is proceeding well. I am grateful for the work that Enrollment & Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Business & Finance, and the Enrollment Management Committee have been doing to stay on top of things. We expect to enter the spring and complete the academic year well within the enrollment limits mandated by the Chancellor's Office.

On other fronts, as I said in my fall address, I hope to build on the respect that the region has for the University, to emphasize regional connections, and to promote regional advocacy for CSU Stanislaus. That initiative is progressing well. Our Division of University Advancement continues its strong communication work, highlighting faculty, staff, and student accomplishments. We are striding rapidly

toward renewed strength in Alumni Relations, including doubling our efforts to bring alumni and community members to campus.

If you have not yet seen the new Trans-California Pathway at the southeast end of campus, please visit. It is a great example of bettering both the campus and community. After years of planning and fundraising, we have opened yet another inviting portion of our University to the public while also creating a natural plant lab for our instructors and their students. The late Dr. Wayne Pierce, a member of our Department of Biological Sciences initiated the project years ago. We owe many thanks for its completion to his wife, Donna Pierce, University Advancement, Business & Finance, Facilities, current and past faculty and students in the College of Natural Sciences, and generous community supporters.

In short, despite our many budgetary challenges, our campus community continues to support each other and to move ahead with important projects and initiatives. In that same spirit, I wish you an enjoyable autumn and continued success this semester and next.

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

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