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*President*

TO: Jody Barr, President, SUOAF-AFSCME Local 2836

FROM: Gregory W. Gray, President

DATE: March 24, 2015

SUBJECT: **FY16 Budget Shortfall**

As you know, the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities are facing a dire financial situation with a growing projected budget allocation gap that appears to be upwards of \$48M for the system.

The first steps taken by the Board of Regents to address the budget shortfall include a system-wide hiring freeze, and consideration of a 4.8% increase in tuition at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The Governor's recommended state appropriation has been allocated to the colleges and universities. We have already taken reductions at System Office, a percentage equal in aggregate to those that need to be taken by the system as a whole. Like the campuses, we are still working through some of the details of how we will get there, but we've committed to the reductions prior to making the appropriation allocations to the institutions.

In light of the budget gap, I would like to ascertain your willingness to meet with me to discuss budget issues and explore all options to get us through this fiscal crisis.

Cc: Nicholas Donofrio, Chairman, CT Board of Regents  
Laurie G. Dunn, Interim Vice President for Human Resources  
Erika Steiner, Chief Financial Officer