



Dear CSUSM Employees,

Just this afternoon, we learned that the governor and leaders from the state Assembly and state Senate have reached an [agreement on a package of budgetary actions](#) that will provide fiscal relief to individuals, families, businesses and other organizations suffering from economic hardship due to the COVID-19 recession.

The agreement prioritizes higher education, restoring previously enacted reductions to the CSU and UC systems, effective July 1. As you may recall, the CSU's budget was cut \$299 million by the state in 2020-2021. For our campus, this equated to \$3.1 million. We will wait to learn how this funding will be reallocated to campuses.

In addition, the state is allocating about \$6 million to support CalFresh outreach and application assistance to college students in the CSU, UC and community college systems.

The next step in our budget process is for the Chancellor's Office to provide campuses with their initial budget allocations in March. It's still possible that there will be other changes to CSU state budget allocations as the governor may submit another budget revision in May. Final budget allocations are provided to campuses after the legislature finalizes the state budget, hopefully by July 1.

I am grateful for today's good news as the pandemic laid bare ongoing structural budget issues, such as the use of one-time funds to fund recurring university expenses including staff. Moving forward, we will continue to be guided by our priorities of people, student success, institutional sustainability and innovating for the future. Thank you for all that you continue to do – the determination, resourcefulness and care you demonstrate every day will propel us beyond this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Ellen Neufeldt
President

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