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Colleagues:

As we approach our break and the holiday season, I want to wish everyone a joyous and peaceful time. I want to thank you for continued dedication to our students, to your colleagues, and to making this a special place to work and learn. I hope you have a wonderful time with family, friends, and loved ones.



I know some of you are concerned about the budget. Please be assured that when the governor announces his budget decisions on January 10, we will engage the entire campus community in a full conversation about the challenges that lie ahead of us and how we can best respond.

We will also be prepared to explain to our representatives in the State Assembly and in the Senate how important CSU, Chico is to this community and how important the entire CSU system is to the economic welfare of this state. We need to continue to invest in higher education because it is higher education that has created and sustained the knowledge industries that have made California the fifth largest economy in the world. We need to provide access and hope for a future generations of students.

I will communicate with you frequently after January 10 about our budget, and I know President-Elect Zingg will provide for an open dialogue about the budget when he joins us on February 1.

Best Wishes.

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