

Office of the President

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To: Faculty and Staff

From: Paul J. Zingg, President

The Chancellor's Office yesterday announced that \$25 million in one-time funds is being allocated to the 23 CSU campuses to help provide additional course sections and other support for students' progress to degree. These funds will help the CSU partially address the drastic impacts of the state budget cuts in the short-term. The \$25 million will be distributed proportionally to the 23 campuses, and CSU, Chico is slated to receive \$1,075,000. I am discussing with Cabinet, the Deans and the Academic Senate leadership how the money can best benefit our students through the rest of this academic year.

The distribution of funds to campuses is being made because the CSU is receiving an additional allocation of \$77.5 million this year from the federal Education Stabilization Fund. Following the \$25 million distribution, the Chancellor is planning to reserve the remainder of the \$77.5 million for the time being because of uncertainties regarding the state's financial situation. The state controller's office reports revenues \$1.1 billion below the 2009-2010 budget projections, making further cuts to the CSU this fiscal year a possibility. The CSU's priorities for any future use of the one-time funds will be serving as many students as possible while maintaining academic quality and preserving as many jobs as possible for our employees. Adding classes in the spring to address bottlenecks in General Education and majors will both serve students and provide teaching opportunities, especially for our lecturers.

While the CSU's budget problems due to the state's fiscal crisis continue to be daunting, I am pleased to be able to share the news of this supplemental allocation with you. It is important to note that these are only one-time funds and do not represent any recovery of the \$564 million state budget cut the CSU has had this year. I will continue to keep you informed about budget impacts and what we can do to off-set them. I appreciate all your efforts to do the best you can to serve students under very difficult circumstances. Without a doubt we have an extraordinarily dedicated and talented community of faculty and staff at our University, and I thank you for everything you do for our students and for Chico State.