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UC SAN DIEGO BUDGET FACTS

Impact of 2011-2012 proposed reduction:
Over the last three years, UC San Diego has faced permanent state base budget reductions and lack of funding for ongoing mandatory costs of over $90 million. When combined with other one-time reductions, the cumulative three-year budget impact is a loss of over $225 million in state funding. The Governor’s proposed budget for 2011-12 would equate to another permanent reduction of at least $60 million.

Although the state of California provides less than 10 percent of the UC San Diego budget, the support from California taxpayers is vital to recruit and retain exceptional faculty, provide a world-class education for tomorrow’s leaders and ensure a highly trained staff.

Steps underway on the campus:
To manage the budget reductions responsibly and strategically at UC San Diego, we are taking a multi-year and multi-pronged approach that balances permanent reductions with the use of temporary funds as a bridge during the transition to a new university with far less state support. We are aggressively pursuing new and non-traditional non-state revenues, and will make selective investments to spark those initiatives. At the same time, we will continue to identify operational efficiencies.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, UC San Diego will redouble our focus on qualities that transformed the campus to an international powerhouse by encouraging entrepreneurial initiatives and pursuing non-state revenue. We are exploring expansion of non-resident enrollment levels; improvement in overhead cost recovery from research, auxiliary and other self-supporting programs; and identification of advanced degree and certificate programs, and self-supporting programs. We are exploring opportunities in summer session and extended studies programs, expanding public-private partnerships, international presence and other alliances. We are redoubling efforts to increase philanthropy and are evaluating property development/leasing/licensing/acquisition/selling of property.

Despite new revenues and our ability to identify added efficiency savings, the campus will incur significant budget cuts resulting in the loss of staff, programs and services. A strategic approach to cuts must target reducing or eliminating activities that are not core to the campus’ teaching and research programs. Decisions on reduction of academic programs will be based on a three-year cycle of review of quality and productivity, for least impact to programs of core strength.
Consolidation of academic and administrative units will continue to expand organizational efficiency and personnel cost savings.

The Chancellor, Senior Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellors continue focused discussions that include: reduction in total filled faculty positions, increased use of lecturers, and reductions in teaching assistants and graduate support; reduction of library services and staff, possible closure of several locations, and cancellation of print subscriptions to journals; reduction of select student services across campus to include student financial aid, career services, student health and wellness services and registrars; reduction or elimination of several outreach programs; further reductions in staff across all areas of the campus, including administrative and academic units; consolidation of departments and centralization of core business functions such as human resources, information systems, finance and procurement, thus increasing the potential for increased business risk; reduction of facilities maintenance and repairs resulting in an increase in failed systems, deferred maintenance backlog and health and safety issues; and expanded mandatory campus closure days throughout the year.

Meetings underway to discuss the budget situation and impact on UC San Diego:
The Chancellor, Senior Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Deans and Department Chairs are developing budget reduction scenarios and ideas for revenue enhancement. The VC Student Affairs provided a budget update to the Associated Students.

Additional budget information:
Additional UC San Diego budget information can be accessed at: http://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/budgetline.

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