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### *Office of the President*

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Dear Colleague:

The *Hartford Courant* reported in today's paper several state budget cutting scenarios put forward by the Appropriations Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly that, if ultimately enacted, would bring the state budget into balance. The proposals also call for a number of drastic measures, including the potential for closure of one CSU campus. All these proposals presume no tax increases.

The Joint Committee on Appropriations has characterized all these scenarios as "unreasonable – and in some cases unconscionable..." and encourages the citizens of Connecticut to share the findings and engage in important conversations across the state in order to develop a better and more comprehensive solution to the current budget challenge.

While these proposals require our attention, we understand that this is preliminary information that will involve substantial discourse by the Legislature and the various constituent groups. As more factual information becomes available to me, I will share this with you in forums that provide for inclusive campus discussion and response.

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