

Chancellor's budget process update

The following e-mail message was sent Feb. 5, 2009, to all UW-Eau Claire employees.

TO: UW-Eau Claire Faculty and Staff

FROM: Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich

This fall we launched a new budget process designed to support our strategic priorities and to engage all departments and units. It was developed to work in both good times and in bad.

Unfortunately, our first test of the new process is under the cloud of a looming state deficit. Nevertheless, I am committed to continuing our process so that the difficult resource decisions we must make in the coming months will be collaborative and informed by every department and unit.

To this end I am asking all chairs and directors to prepare budget recommendations that will address a university-wide expected reduction of \$2.5 million in the coming 2009/10 budget year. I have asked them to develop recommendations for base cuts to each department or unit. While we cannot be certain what our final reduction will be, this exercise will help us identify a range of solutions from which we can select targeted actions when we know the actual budget reduction figure later this month.

All units and departments will be asked to respond to this request and to discuss their specific recommendations for savings with their supervisors by February 27. As our budget process outlines, supervisors will then review the recommendations with their respective vice chancellor by March 15 so that I can receive a prioritized list of recommendations for our final budget by April 1.

I realize that this is a compressed timeline, driven by the State's deadlines. All units, however, will have the benefit of their recently completed PEEQ reports to inform the recommendations they make regarding savings from their department. While all units are required to submit recommendations for reductions, changes will not be made across the board, but determined by our strategic priorities.

If you have additional suggestions for potential savings, you may submit anonymous comments through the budget suggestion link on my [Chancellor home page](#).