

Chancellor's state budget update

The following e-mail message was sent May 7, 2009, to all UW-Eau Claire employees.

TO: UW-Eau Claire Faculty and Staff

FROM: Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich

State Budget Worsens

Colleagues,

Governor Jim Doyle announced today, Thursday afternoon, a major worsening of the state's budget situation that will have additional budget reduction implications for UW-Eau Claire. While we do not yet have specifics from either the governor or UW System, I am writing to provide you with the information that we do know.

Tax revenue shortfalls have increased the anticipated 2009-11 state budget deficit from \$5.7 to \$6.5 billion. As a result, the governor announced a number of measures that would lead to additional budget reductions to state agencies, including the UW System. Two of those measures would directly impact state employees: 16 days of mandatory furloughs over the next two years, elimination of the 2 percent scheduled June 2009 pay raise for faculty and staff, and reopening of contract negotiations with state employee unions to achieve a similar 2 percent payroll savings. The governor also called for up to an additional 4 percent across-the-board budget reduction at some state agencies — but did not indicate whether such a reduction would apply to the UW System. Read more here: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/wisconsin/44533322.html>

The announcement came less than two hours ago, so we do not know details beyond what is being reported by the news media. I am currently attending the UW System Board of Regents meeting in Milwaukee and am working to obtain additional information. Once we do know more, we will share that information with campus.

Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich