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Dear students, faculty and staff,

Thank you for your input and concern as we continue to look at budget scenarios and distribution models for proposed reductions. We expect the discussion to evolve over the next several weeks, and we will provide updates as more information becomes available.

As we look at difficult decisions ahead, a university leadership team of the vice chancellors, deans and other administrators is working closely with the Budget Review and Advisory Committee, which includes faculty, staff and students.

We don't have all the answers yet. Until the state budget is approved by the Legislature and governor, we will not know how much our state support will be reduced. This will be mid-May at the earliest.

We hope to have more answers at our next all-campus forum. It will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, in the Laird Room of the DUC. Please join us.

We now know UW-Stevens Point could take the largest <u>proportional cut</u> to state support, 20.5 percent, of all campuses. This includes a \$6.4 million cut to our state base budget plus \$1.4 million in additional cuts to <u>specified programs</u>.

For the latest information on the budget and its impact on UW-Stevens Point, check our <u>budget page</u> regularly. You'll find a link under Hot Topics on your myPoint page. The budget page has additional contact information for legislators and a <u>timeline</u> for the legislative review process.

While we don't have all the answers, we do know this: Each person on this campus deserves to be treated with respect and sensitivity. You have my word this principle will guide us in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

Bernie L. Patterson, Chancellor

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