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April 8 Letter to BUFMs on Budget Issues



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To all Bargaining Unit Faculty:

We appreciate the Faculty Senate asking for faculty input into the budget review. Without the creativity and insight of our members, the Administration will likely take the easy way out and resort simply to cutting targets of opportunity to solve the crisis it created.

Unfortunately, the Administration has not provided any firm numbers about the magnitude of the shortfall, which would assist the faculty in providing meaningful input. At the meeting I attended on Wednesday, the Administration has attributed

the shortfall to cumulative historical causes, but it has not acknowledged how administrative decision-making has significantly contributed to the deficit. Despite the apparent urgency of the current situation, the Administration has not provided us with a transparent accounting of actual revenues and expenses.

Pursuant to the CBA, the AAUP-WSU will be submitting information requests to ascertain the true magnitude of the problem. We need the Administration to explain how its misplaced priorities landed us in this mess.

The AAUP-WSU remains committed to ensuring that there are no cuts to instruction or faculty scholarship. We call on all members to assist us in protecting our core mission of transforming the lives of our students and the communities we serve.

Thank you for your continued support.

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