

University of Connecticut Office of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Richard D. Gray VP & CFO

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TO:

Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM:

Richard D. Gray

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Paul R. McDowell

Chief Financial Officer

RE:

Temporary Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2012 for the University of Connecticut,

Storrs & Regional Campuses

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve a Temporary Spending Plan of \$1,019.2 million for Fiscal Year 2012 for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses.

BACKGROUND:

The State appropriation was originally approved on April 21, 2011. On June 17, 2011, the University was notified that there would be a reduction in the appropriation of \$17.6 million. Also, the Office of Policy & Management has indicated that more reductions will be made based on retirements prior to September 2, 2011. Since we have no additional information at this time, we are assuming that our exposure might be at least \$5.6 million. We had anticipated a \$7.7 million reduction as a result of the SEBAC agreement and reflected that in the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 budget. We need additional time to formulate a plan to cover this new reduced level of State support. In the interim, we are proposing that the Board of Trustees approve this Temporary Spending Plan so that we may spend at a level lower than Fiscal Year 2011 until such a plan is developed. Note that preventative spending measures were put in place in the spring and will continue. For example, a Position Review Committee was established to stringently review all requests to fill positions and purchases greater than \$5,000 were placed on hold except for emergency items. We plan to submit a Fiscal Year 2012 Spending Plan at the September Board of Trustees meeting.

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