

Subject: Potential Government Shutdown

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, Congress is having difficulty reaching an agreement on an FY26 budget, and if the issue is not resolved by midnight September 30, we will face a government shutdown the following day. I know that campuses with impacted programs have already begun making plans for a potential shutdown, and I want to provide some guidance from the System Office to help with this process.

Each campus should stay in close contact with funding agencies to determine whether sufficient funds will be available for impacted programs and employees. As you consider whether any employees need to be furloughed in the event of a shutdown, please keep in mind the following:

- We are working with our congressional delegation and higher education partners in Washington to learn whether federal work study funding already available to campuses for draw down may continue to be utilized. We will update you as soon as we know more.
- Employment may continue for employees identified as necessary to protect public health, safety or welfare by the federal government.
- Programs or positions may continue that have sufficient federal funding that remains available.
- **State funding may not be used to offset federal funding for impacted programs or employees during the shutdown.**

In the event of a government shutdown, additional information will be provided about our plans regarding benefits eligible employees who are furloughed.

Hopefully any potential shutdown will be short-lived, and the number of employees impacted will be minimal; however, as we continue to monitor this situation, we will remain in contact with you regarding further developments. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any appropriate department here at the System Office.

Thanks,

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