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Fellow Faculty and Staff:

Development of the campus budget for 2013-14 is well under way. We are building that budget based on a five percent tuition increase, which the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education still must approve. I will be meeting this week with the Student Government Association, the University Senate, and the Staff Council to outline the reasons a five percent tuition increase is necessary if we are to avoid another budget cut. I want to discuss a number of challenges we face in the coming year given the absence of new state funds.

Campus input into this discussion is important. Therefore, I will be holding two open forums this Wednesday, March 20, at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the MMTH auditorium. I will discuss our reasoning behind a five percent tuition increase, explain the variables that make up our fixed cost increases, and outline the challenges we face in the coming year. I also want to discuss with the campus our ongoing challenge with freshmen and sophomore retention. I urge you to take time to attend one of these forums. Thank you.

Gary