Today, the Board of Regents met for a first discussion about how the Regents institutions will move forward after Governor Culver’s recent announcement of a mid-year 10 percent across-the-board state appropriation reversion for state agencies. We will work closely with the Regents as we determine how our campus will manage these budget cuts. This includes meeting the Board’s expectation for a detailed report of proposed University actions at the October 29th Regents meeting. Internally, we will work diligently to follow our traditions of working closely with collegiate deans and the shared governance processes involving faculty, students and staff. However, only two weeks remain to make some very difficult and important budget decisions.

From a strategic perspective, our primary goal is to protect the high quality of the education we offer our students, the excellence of the research and creative endeavor we conduct for the betterment of society, and the value of the economic development and services we provide to the people of Iowa. One way to do that is to protect critical jobs, and that will be a continuing principle that guides our decision making.

When I know more specifics, I will immediately share those with the campus community. I very much appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these challenging times.

Sally Mason
President

Sent from my HawkiPhone