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To All Members of the Campus Community:

As you may have already heard, Gov. Andrew Cuomo presented his executive budget proposal today. It included a 9.6 percent reduction in funding from the state’s General Fund for SUNY. Also proposed were cuts for CUNY, as well as the elimination of the state’s subsidy for SUNY’s three teaching hospitals. He did not propose an increase in tuition.

I remain optimistic that SUNY will be able to work with Gov. Cuomo to develop a rational tuition-funding model that will recognize our needs. In the meantime, however, we must bear in mind that we do not know how his proposals will play out or what share of a cut might be passed along to SUNY Plattsburgh. As a result, we will be monitoring the situation closely and will do our best to keep you informed.

Meanwhile, we are pleased to see that the governor has backed two of the three reforms proposed by SUNY:

- The creation of public/private partnerships, which may result in future funding opportunities.
- And procurement reforms that will help cut through some of the bureaucratic red tape that has held SUNY back for decades.

These are meaningful improvements for the SUNY system.

Sincerely:

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