



Dear Appalachian Faculty and Staff:

As indicated in previous emails, the Cabinet and I have evaluated the University budget and the consequences of the 16 percent reduction, effective July 1. While I remain deeply concerned about the long-term impact of these cuts on Appalachian, we have developed a budget reduction plan that continues to allow a quality academic experience for our students and reflects the priorities in the Strategic Plan.

However, before that plan can be communicated and implemented, it must be approved by the General Administration of the UNC System. The Board of Governors will meet next week in Chapel Hill. I will attend the meeting and expect to receive additional guidance on specifics regarding our budget submission that is due August 19. The magnitude and scope of these reductions are unprecedented.

Once our plan is approved, final budgets will be communicated to all divisions and colleges.

I want to thank you for your patience as we navigate this difficult process.

With Appalachian Pride,

Kenneth E. Peacock
Chancellor