

Our Budget Forum and the Process to Date
November 6, 2012

Dear Colleagues and Students,

Monday afternoon, I convened a campus-wide forum to discuss our current thoughts with respect to the budget for the next fiscal year, starting July 1.

The number of faculty, staff, and students who attended and the substantive questions asked were affirming and reinforced my belief that we are an institution that deeply values our commitment to open dialogue and our shared mission of learning at all levels, research and service.

For those who could not attend the forum or watch the live stream on Uknow, you can view my power point presentation at: http://www.uky.edu/President/University_Forum_11-5-12_slides.pdf. Within the next several days, a recording of the forum will also be available on my web site at <http://www.uky.edu/president>.

In short, I told our campus community that because of their outstanding work, we were able to project increased revenues from tuition of nearly \$12 million for the next fiscal year. That will allow us to pare back expected budget reductions to academic units to about 2.1 percent and to administrative units to about 5 percent.

In addition, the Provost will be working with Deans and colleges to distribute strategic investments of about \$8.9 million to reward efforts to promote excellence and performance in our tri-fold mission of education, research and service.

Much outstanding work has been done. But there is much still to do. Our future success in undergraduate and graduate education, research and service will depend, in large measure, in how we are able to improve retention and graduation rates over the next several years.

That is a moral imperative. It also is a financial challenge. Our success, of which I am confident, will determine how we are able to honor the Kentucky Promise, which guides us still.

Thank you.

Eli Capilouto
President