Dear Colleagues,

Much of the news about the state budget has been about the challenges that lie ahead, and I will provide more details about how we will meet those challenges at my address to the campus on Thursday, January 24 in the University Union.

But in the meantime, I would like to report some very good budget news regarding Sacramento State. There has been a significant step forward on the Science II facility. The Governor's budget identifies $4.8 million in California State University capital outlay funds to support design and planning for Science II, which will include the Space and Science Center.

This is a really exciting opportunity for the campus. As many of you know, Science II has been a much-anticipated facility. It will provide numerous benefits to our students, our faculty and the community including new classrooms, labs, research facilities and a planetarium.

This is an important step in the campus' Destination 2010 efforts to provide excellent academic programs and is truly something to celebrate. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work that it took by many people to get this accomplished. There will be additional information on Science II on the campus website later today, and I will talk more about it at the January 24 address.

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