

The Chancellor

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To: Board of Trustees
College Presidents and Deans
Cabinet

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2012 City Executive Budget

Mayor Bloomberg recently issued his executive budget for Fiscal Year 2012. Enclosed is a preliminary analysis of the budget proposal's impact on The City University of New York.

The City Executive Budget recommends support for the community colleges of \$236.4 million, which is \$20.2 million less than the current FY2011 budget. This diminution in funding comprises community college operating support decreases of \$38.6 million, offset by mandatory cost increases of \$18.4 million.

As you know, the maintenance of effort (MOE) provision requires the city to provide at least the same level of support to community colleges as the previous year. We expect that these restorations will occur as part of the adopted budget negotiations between the city council and the mayor's office.

In addition to the proposed reductions to the community colleges, the executive budget also eliminates funding for Vallone Scholarships (\$6.0 million), the Black Male Initiative (\$2.25 million) and various centers and institutes (\$0.9 million).

With respect to capital needs, the executive budget incorporates the reduction from the Preliminary Financial Plan for FY2011 through FY2013, totalling \$15.2 million, which includes \$5.1 million restored by the borough presidents. In addition, the borough presidents have recommended adding another \$2.4 million in funds to CUNY's budget using Section 211 funds.

The mayor and the city council will now negotiate a final budget plan for FY2012. We will continue to work with all participants to ensure that our colleges can continue to provide the level of academic services our students deserve.

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