

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2009

TO: University Employees

FROM: Dawn Reese
Budget Director

SUBJECT: University Budget

As the University continues to work through ongoing budget issues, there is some good news. This fall the University held back 20% of the 2009-2010 budget based on last year's state fiscal experience. The money will now be released to bring all divisional budgets to 100%. The factors leading to this release include: the Governor's recent statement that there will not be a request to either return to the Commonwealth dollars appropriated in the 2009-10 budget or to hold dollars for a potential future request; the assistance of federal stimulus dollars (mainly used to support present employee positions); lower than anticipated natural gas costs (the University is 19% natural gas); and increased enrollment, especially with non-Pennsylvania students.

As the University begins to know more as to the factors influencing the 2010-2011 budget (i.e., state support, tuition, use of further stimulus dollars, enrollment projections, utility rates, inflationary rates for health care, food, etc) further communications will be forthcoming.