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To: UF College of Dentistry Faculty, Staff & Students

From: Dean Teresa Dolan

Ref: Budget update

I am sure that many if not most of you are tracking the most-recent information about state budget projections and Dr. Machen's expectations regarding the impact on the university. If you missed Dr. Machen's April 16 comments to the faculty senate, you can watch the video at <http://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/mediasite/Viewer/?peid=c0151404de7c4f6286ba75dcc462fd3b>

You can also read his recent memo posted at <http://budget.president.ufl.edu/2009/04/16/president-announces-wide-range-of-budget-options/>

The College of Dentistry has been actively planning for a 10 percent reduction in state support. A distilled version of our budget reduction proposal is posted on the UF Budget web site at <http://budget.president.ufl.edu/proposals/>

We have been investigating the possibility of transforming the IEDP program and our clinic in Hialeah to an off-book or "self-funded" program. Because all off-book programs are expected to be financially self-sufficient, we are developing a business model we believe would meet that goal. The proposal must be reviewed by the College's Executive Advisory Board, approved by me as dean, supported by a Provost advisory committee and ultimately approved by the university administration before implementation. When approved, the College would begin recruiting students for the new international dentist program for enrollment in July of 2010. I will keep everyone updated as to the status of the as we move forward.

I continue to welcome your feedback about the fiscal management of the college. We developed a comments area on our web site where you can either post an anonymous comment about anything relating to the budget or you can send me an anonymous email if you would prefer. There's a link to all our budget information and to the comments area on the right side of our home page.

[http://www.dental.ufl.edu/About\\_the\\_College/message\\_from\\_dean.php](http://www.dental.ufl.edu/About_the_College/message_from_dean.php)

Again, thank you all for your continued support.