

Dear Students,

You are almost certainly aware of the budget cutting measures that have been implemented at all of Georgia's state agencies. The University System of Georgia and all of its component universities and colleges have already sustained a 6% cut in their budgets. This afternoon we received information about a second budget cut to be implemented in early January.

To offset a portion of the additional budget reduction the USG Board of Regents has directed that all USG institutions take action to add a temporary, one-semester student fee to the Spring 2009 tuition and fee bills. At comprehensive universities - including NGCSU -- the one-time fee will be \$75.

To further offset the budget reduction employees will pay an increased premium for most health insurance plans offered by the USG. These combined actions will not completely cover the amount cut from our budget, but they will reduce the impact.

The one-time fee will be billed to students after the original fee payment deadline of December 5, 2008. The January 14, 2009 fee payment deadline will remain the same, and will apply to all outstanding balances, including the additional \$75 fee that will be added to all student accounts. We anticipate that the updated Spring 2009 bills will be available on BANNER no later than December 19th.

Please take time to read a letter from Chancellor Davis that provides more detail about the University System of Georgia response to current budget challenges. You will find it attached to this email.

We regret that these steps are necessary, and ask for your patience during these difficult times. You may direct questions about the temporary fee to the Bursar's Office in the Downtown Office Building or at 706-864-1409.

Sincerely,
Dr. Brenda K. Findley