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Dear UA Colleague –

I wanted you to know that as the legislature continues its work during the special session on the state operating and capital budgets, we are monitoring the process very carefully, including Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) guidance regarding a possible government shutdown.

Given the uncertainty, you may hear or read speculation about layoffs at the university. However, no decision regarding layoffs caused by a shutdown has been made, and such a decision won't be made until sometime after I consult with the Board of Regents on June 1 and 2. Budget scenarios currently are being developed, including if the legislature fails to pass a budget by July 1.

If we do find ourselves without an operating budget in the weeks ahead, we will use our best efforts to maintain critical operations and services to our students and our communities. I value you and all that you contribute to our university.

Thank you,
Jim Johnsen