MEMORANDUM

To: The CSU Campus Community
From: President Thomas J. Calhoun, Jr.
Date: January 14, 2016
RE: CSU Budget Challenges

Several recent news stories and social media posts have raised public awareness about the ongoing state budget stalemate and how it will affect Chicago State University in the near future. I want the campus community to be clear about our current situation and what to expect moving forward.

First and foremost, despite the significant financial challenges that were created by the lack of a state budget, we remain committed to completing the spring semester. As previously stated, as of March 2016, the cash position of the university becomes very challenging and may lead to a massive disruption of services.

The current budget situation is historically unprecedented and therefore makes it very difficult to predict exactly how it will eventually be resolved. University officials remain in constant contact with lawmakers and state officials as we navigate towards a solution.

Lastly, it is imperative that students, faculty and staff continue to go about their normal business as we work to resolve the budget problem. Students should continue to attend classes and focus on their academic work and faculty and staff should continue doing the business of educating our students. Chicago State University has served our students for 150 years and we will continue to do so. Thank you to all of the members of the CSU family who have taken their personal time to advocate for the university. I believe that by working together, we will emerge from these difficult times a stronger university.