

Your union leaders met with the Chancellor and members of his cabinet. Below is a brief accounting of the discussions which took place:

The UMass Lowell budget did receive a 5% cut from the legislature, which amounts to roughly 4 million dollars. Approximately 2 ½ million dollars in cuts have already been identified which do not affect the core mission of the institution. Ideas for additional budget savings were presented to the administration for further consideration. There will not be across the board cuts and there not will be an across the board hiring freeze. However, at the end of the day, there will be layoffs which will be done through the language in our collective bargaining agreements.

Chancellor Meehan will be holding a campus-wide meeting next Wednesday, November 5th. The time and location will be announced and transportation will be provided.

We encourage everyone to attend and bring your ideas, questions, and concerns. We are a resilient campus and have proved this time and time again. It is important for us to move forward in a positive and constructive manner, and to work together through this challenge.

We look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Your SEIU 888 UMass Lowell Local Officers

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