

Subject: Important Notice

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Important Notice Regarding:

Classes Cancelled on Wednesday, October 16

12:00 Noon Meeting On Wednesday, October 16

Governor Warner is scheduled to speak to the citizens of Virginia on Tuesday, October 15. In order to permit all faculty and staff to meet on Wednesday, October 16 to fully review and discuss CNU's budget reduction plan, the fall break will be extended through Wednesday, October 16, and all classes originally scheduled for that Wednesday will be cancelled.

The Governor's actions will have a serious impact on CNU. In the present academic year this will mean significant reductions in the resources at our disposal; in the coming academic year and beyond it will mean a reduction in the programs we can offer and a corresponding reduction in the size of our faculty and staff. The Budget Advisory Committee has fashioned a plan of action to meet this difficult institutional future while simultaneously preserving the core values and mission of our University.

In order that we might discuss the implications of these reductions, I am asking all faculty and staff to meet with me in Gaines Theatre at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 16, 2002. Dr. Bobbye Bartels, Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, will set forth the nature of the reductions we must make in order to accommodate our new circumstances. Dr. Bartels, Provost Richard Summerville, and I will do our best to answer your questions and to provide a context for what the future holds for CNU.

Please check your e-mail early on October 16 to confirm the schedule for all meetings related to the budget cuts.

These are difficult and challenging times for our University community. Given that our highest priority must be the preservation of the core of the institution, the burden of change will inevitably fall unequally among us. It is essential that we come together, that we understand the seriousness of what is unfolding, and that we reach out to each other with the grace and understanding of which I know we are capable. We are about to be tested severely.