Improvements for Students in the UW FY12 Budget

There has been a great amount of news about the state’s severe financial problems and about budget cuts to the UW and tuition increases. No doubt about it, we’ve had some tough times.

Despite all of this, there is still some good news. The UW is still a national leader in providing students with the education they need for life-long success. Our budget decisions in the past year have been guided by our commitment to maintaining both quality and access. Students remain front and center in our thinking about our budget and our future.

Even with these difficult budget challenges, we’ve done a great deal not only to protect but even to improve the educational experience for our students. Here are just a few actions we have taken regarding budget decisions this year:

- Provided funding to four schools and colleges with large numbers of undergraduates (Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Foster Business, Environment) to keep those programs strong.
- Provided funds to increase access to high demand classes, writing and tutoring centers, and student support services in order to enhance the student experience and increase the number of students who can complete their degrees in 4 years or less.
- Provided funds to keep our classrooms up to date to maintain high quality classrooms as learning spaces.
- Provided funds for UW Libraries materials and hours in order to sustain these essential learning spaces.
- Maintained funding for student jobs to make it easier for students to work on campus.
- Increased financial aid to levels higher than those required by the state legislature to keep college affordable for more students.
- Maintained the Husky Promise Program so that students from families from the lowest income levels can continue to attend the UW.
- Created a highly innovative Center for Teaching and Learning to support the transformative education experience all students need and deserve.
- Created the Provost Student Advisory Committee to make sure we hear regularly from students now and in the years ahead.
- Invested in pre-college outreach and partnerships to enhance college readiness and access to the UW for residents of Washington.

Learn more about the UW Pact with Students at:
http://www.washington.edu/discover/leadership/provost/print/2y2d-provosts-student-pact