



III. It has become increasingly difficult to maintain this excellence at the Connecticut State Universities.

For the past 30 years the CT state legislature has been **starving the CSCU system**. Because of a supposed fiscal “crisis” we are told we must **lower our expectations** of what a university can be.

We are told that we have to **do more with less**, to accept cuts, because there is no money to be found anywhere for public higher education. We are told to embrace the Board of Regents’ “Students First” plan to **centralize and corporatize** our universities and take governance out of the hands of faculty and administrative experts. We are told that **tuition cannot be reduced** or eliminated.

IV. There is hope.

There is no fiscal crisis in Connecticut serious enough to make excellent public higher education impossible.

A slight reduction in business tax breaks and subsidies, a more equitable system of personal taxation, and the reigning in of increased costs of the CSCU BOR Systems Office would provide plenty of revenue for public higher education excellence.

We must raise our expectations.

Excellent public higher education is what Connecticut students, residents, and businesses deserve and can have.



Other comments:

Tell us how cuts to funding are threatening our universities or your ability to do your job as well as you would like.

Ex.:

Students First is about cost savings not quality.

My class sizes have increased.

I spend too much time on administrative work.

I have to work at too many universities as an adjunct.
