

Members of the Campus Community:

As part of our effort to make budgetary information widely available on campus, enclosed please find the 2003/04 budget for San Diego State University (SDSU) totaling \$621.1 million. The General Fund, including fee revenue, is \$274.1 million. The university budget also includes \$88.5 million related to designated funds for Housing, Parking, Extended Education, Lottery, and Trust. The combined budget includes four auxiliary organizations: Associated Students with \$15.3 million; Aztec Shops, Inc. with \$51.9 million; The Campanile Foundation with \$20 million; and the SDSU Foundation with \$171.3 million. The state appropriation of \$185 million represents 30 percent of the total budget.

Although the 2003/04 General Fund budget is \$6.1 million more than the initial 2002/03 budget, the state appropriation is \$15.6 million less and fee revenues are \$21.7 million more in support of 28,223 full time equivalent students (FTES), an increase of 1,183 FTES. The decrease in state appropriations would have been greater without \$6.4 million for enrollment growth and \$5.9 million for increased employer contributions to the state's retirement program. The additional student fee revenue resulted from a cumulative 40 percent increase in the State University Fee as well as additional enrollment. The impact of the fee increase was offset for those students with the greatest financial need by the allocation of \$5.8 million in additional student financial aid grants. The state's overall budget limitations also required that the campus absorb more than \$4 million required for increases in employee health benefits, compensation and insurance. Overall, even with the increased fee revenues, the reduced state support required that campus programs be decreased \$13.9 million, with \$2.5 million of this amount from one-time reserves in 2003/04.

In spite of reduced program funding, the campus continued its commitment to maintaining course sections and support services necessary to ensuring a quality academic program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. Weber", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen L. Weber
President