1. The next biennium budget request is due to the Board of Regents (BOR) by August; from there to the legislature in November. The board of regents gives us a base budget (mostly salaries and utilities). To that base budget we ask for new items; which may or may not be funded. Even if these new requests are NOT funded (and this has mostly been the case in recent years) these requests put the BOR and, through them, the legislature, on notice that we think we need these items/new programs/facilities etc.

Chancellor Straney is seeking ideas from Faculty, Staff, and others for inclusion in this next biennium budget. Ideas should be for something new; not items to make up lost ground. Ideas need be only at a high level for now and should specify what we need, approximate dollars involved and a brief “why” we need the item. For example, we might say we need $1.2 million dollars to improve reading because many of our students read below college level.

Please submit Ideas directly to Chancellor Straney via email. Deadline for submission is July 4th to allow time for consideration, fine tuning, and possible inclusion in the Biennium budget request.

2. If we need new buildings or repairs and maintenance for existing buildings please let Chancellor Straney know this as well as there is typically a long lead time (5 years or more) to obtain approval for these items. These items, however, come out of the CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) budget and would not necessarily be included in the biennium budget.

3. A Capital Campaign is currently underway that will not be formally announced until October 2016. UHH’s goal is $40,000,000. As part of this campaign, the University has raised about $16 million of that (or 40%). Included in the amounts raised are a $2 million estate gift and some scholarship endowments for CAFRMN and CoBE.