



CUNY's enrollments are now higher than at any other time in the last three decades. Yet CUNY now has 5,000 fewer full-time faculty than it had in 1975.

With Council support over the last several years, CUNY had begun to restore lost faculty positions, expand student services and rebuild campus facilities like libraries, laboratories and learning centers.

But the budget reductions proposed in the Mayor's Executive Budget will stop this forward progress, and CUNY students will quickly feel the impact of increasing class size, course cancellations, reduced library hours and deteriorating facilities.

Your assistance is needed to provide New York City students – many of them the first generation in their families to attend college – with a quality education. CUNY has meant hope for generations of New York City's working people. In these hard economic times, CUNY is needed now more than ever.

**Restore and Enhance Community College Operating Support: **\$ 35.9 million****

The Mayor's Executive Budget is \$9.4 million less than last year's FY 2010 adopted budget and contains \$35.9 million of reductions. The impact of this reduced funding level is compounded by the addition of new programs without additional funds to pay for them, inflation that increases the costs of delivering the same level of service, and enrollment increases that create new demands. In particular, the New Community College Initiative, funded by the Mayor at \$8.9 million, will redistribute resources from the existing six community colleges to the new one. This is "robbing Peter to pay Paul." The PSC recommends restoring the Mayor's reductions in order to enhance community college funding to pay for new programs, inflation, and increased enrollment.

**Restore Funds For City Council Initiatives: **\$ 19.6 million****

City Council Initiatives have provided opportunity and support for countless numbers of students. Forty-five percent of CUNY community college students come from households making less than \$20,000. Without the support of the Vallone Scholarships, Black Male Initiative, and the need-based safety-net scholarships, many students would not have been able to attend CUNY. The City Council programs that provide a gateway to opportunity and a better future need to be maintained and expanded. The Executive Budget proposes zero funds for these programs. The PSC recommends restoring these programs to their FY 2009 funding level of \$19.6 million.

**Capital Budget Enhancement and Critical Maintenance Needs: **\$126.8 million****

CUNY community colleges' physical plant has deteriorated over the years because funds have not been available for needed maintenance. Now we are facing a crisis situation with the façade of buildings cracking at LaGuardia and Hostos Community Colleges, green water flowing from the water fountains at Bronx Community College, and an inadequate sprinkler/standpipe system at Queensborough Community College. The PSC supports CUNY's critical maintenance and capital enhancement request.