MEMO TO: The University Community
FROM: Kenneth A. Shaw
SUBJECT: FY'78 Budget

In my March 3 remarks to the University Community, I discussed the need for a careful, but open and participative, review of our budget priorities for the University, so that we might work together in insuring the most efficient and effective operation possible. It is none too late to begin that process. The immediacy of this matter is brought home by the projected budget situation for fiscal year 1978. Assuming legislative and gubernatorial approval of BHE recommendations for SIU-E, we anticipate that both major internal reallocations and overall budget cuts will be necessary. Accordingly, the following steps are being taken:

A. The Acting Vice-President for Business Affairs is being asked to work closely with the Augmented Budget Review Committee of the University Senate in reviewing the high cost categories as reported in the Statewide Unit Cost Study. The Committee's counsel will be sought both in the development of review guidelines and in the recommending of major priorities. Members of the Augmented Budget Review Committee are:

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B. The Vice-Presidents have been directed to begin a serious review of possible internal reallocations in their respective areas in order to develop recommendations consistent with the mission of the University.

C. Effective immediately, all new or replacement position requests will be subject to central review before decisions are made.

Budget problems are not new to this or any other institution of higher education in this country. Our situation is manageable, but we must be willing to make budget decisions consistent with our stated mission; and we must work together in obtaining the most from available resources. Further, we must go about the priority setting process in a manner that encourages openness and involvement. It is in this spirit that I ask your cooperation and advice. Please feel free to give any cost-saving suggestions you might have to members of the Augmented Budget Review Committee, the Vice-Presidents, or to this office. Thank you for your cooperation.