To: Faculty, Staff and Students

From: Frank G. Pogue, Ph.D.,
Interim President

Subject: GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY FACES $1.4 MILLION STATE MID-YEAR BUDGET CUT

Date: January 4, 2010

This is to inform you that the Governor and legislators recently announced a mid-year budget reduction of $247.9 million to all state agencies. Higher education’s portion of that reduction is $83.9 million. This translates to a $1,432,731 reduction for Grambling State University.

Although the university remains in a stable condition financially, this latest spending cut will be burdensome because it must be implemented for the remaining six months of the fiscal year, which ends on June 30, 2010. We will not have the flexibility to spread the reductions over a full year.

I have established a Budget and Priorities Committee to develop criteria for budgetary decision-making, including this current reduction. This committee will review previous reductions, current spending levels, priorities and needed plans to protect the core missions of our institution. We must report the most viable means to implement our share of the higher education cuts by January 8, 2010. Afterwards, we will move forward immediately to implement our plans.

I ask for your support and patience during these budget reductions and I promise to keep you apprised of actions taken. I also encourage you to share any creative cost-saving suggestions you may have via e-mail at gsusavings@gram.edu.

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