MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

Dear Colleagues:

The apple crop in New York this Fall is decimated, but our research productivity is weathering tough economic times. UAlbany investigators made 495 requests for funding that were submitted through the COEUS system and 335 awards were made. In FY12 UAlbany external sponsored fund expenditures decreased by 2% for a total of $330.54 million. The UAlbany campus spent $106.885 million of external sponsored funds and CNSE spent a total of $223.6 million in sponsored funds. Our affiliated UAlbany faculty in the Department of Health (HRI) spent $97.0 million of sponsored funds. Sponsored program expenditures are a financial indicator of the University’s engagement in research and public service. The environment in which we train our students and fellows is in part supported by these expenditures. Thus in aggregate the total UAlbany and affiliated institutions sponsored funds expenditures for the past fiscal year of $427.5 million indicate a robust and well-funded environment of research, training, and public service. The University has just pitched its NYSUNY 2020 Plan to Governor Andrew Cuomo and anticipates that this plan will grow its research portfolio by over 100 million dollars in funding over five years. See the proposal video at: http://www.governor.ny.gov/sl2/video_archive.

We recognize that Principal Investigators need time, resources, and support in order to compete effectively for research dollars. Guided by our Campus Strategic Plan the Division of Research has begun a series of steps to: Increase UAlbany’s visibility in, and resources for, advancing and disseminating knowledge, discovery, and scholarship. Two new initiatives aim to