



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

Michael K. Young
President

April 19, 2012

UAW 4121
2633 Eastlake Avenue East, Suite 200
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Attention: Mr. David Parsons, President

Dear Mr. Parsons and Members of UAW 4121:

Thank you for your letter of April 16, 2012, and for your committed advocacy for and on behalf of the University of Washington. The encouraging results coming from the recently ended legislative session are examples of what can be achieved through alignment and concerted effort for a worthy cause. Yet while we are encouraged that the supplemental budget recently passed by the legislature contained no *additional* funding cuts for higher education, we are also cognizant that our fiscal challenges remain as we continue to deal with the steep reductions of the past three years as well as the significant fiscal year 2013 funding cut approved by last year's legislature, which takes effect July 1.

The strong showing of the ASE group at the Board of Regents meeting on April 5th was noted, and the testimonies of so many adeptly conveyed the concerns and issues faced by your membership. Certainly, there is no doubt that the work of the ASE group is important to the ongoing success of the University. As we do our best to balance the acute demands for University resources, I would encourage you and your leadership to continue to work directly with the labor representatives of my administration to press your concerns and to recognize that any progress we are able to make, however small, is a continuing sign of commitment to the ASE group.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young

cc: Provost Ana Mari Cauce
Ms. V'ella Warren
Ms. Mindy Kornberg
Mr. Peter Denis