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## How should we prepare for the impending budget trouble?

Happy New Year and welcome back! This semester and the coming year promise to be challenging for Temple, our students and our union. To face the challenges and concerns, the TAUP Executive Committee is initiating a weekly discussion on relevant topics, using TAUP FORUM, our online discussion vehicle. These discussions are open to all TAUP members. We invite your opinions and ideas to help guide our decisions.

Our first discussion question is this:

**Are you worried about the expected cut in Temple's state appropriation, and what can TAUP do about it?**

### Background:

The new Governor will issue his budget proposal on March 8. Temple is planning scenarios for a 10%, 20%, or 30% reduction from the state. Since Temple University was appropriated about \$172 million this year, that means cuts from about \$17 million to \$52 million. This is serious business. It may mean layoffs for Temple employees, a larger than usual tuition hike for our students, and maybe even demands for contract givebacks. We will be hearing about the situation at the Town Hall meeting that Provost Richard Englert announced for Monday, 1/24, from 11:00 to 1:00 in Kiva auditorium and the Faculty Senate meeting later that day.

Please don't hesitate to jump into the discussion with your thoughts and views. TAUP members can just reply to this email or respond to someone else's post. To start a new thread, send your message to TAUP-FORUM@googlegroups.com. Contact the TAUP office if you have any problems.

Thanks.

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