Campus Colleagues –

I know you are busy as we are now in the final stretch to the end of the semester. However, I do hope you can carve out time **Thursday, April 26th at 3:00 pm** in B&E Room 140, as together we hear directly from the USC Aiken Cabinet members on their proposed budget items and the rationale supporting these requests.

I’m very proud of our university’s budget development and review process, which is inclusive, transparent, and accounts for input from each of us at all levels.

The budget forum, which will take place April 26th, is one of the final steps in the process. It’s an important one and allows you one more opportunity to take part in the budget discussion, ensuring all perspectives are considered and requests are aligned with our strategic goals. Your voice is critical to these efforts, and I hope you will attend and engage in this conversation.

As you know, we’re facing a very challenging budget year. Our local legislative delegation is aware of our overarching requests and are staunch advocates for us, but we know not all requests will be funded.

Potentially, we are facing a drop in 2018-19 enrollment, so I am currently predicting a challenging budget year. Nonetheless, we will continue to make strategic use of our resources to advance our mission and goals.

I look forward to seeing you and hearing your perspectives at the budget forum **Thursday, April 26th at 3:00 pm** in B&E Room 140.

Sincerely,

**Sandra J. Jordan**

Chancellor