

#SaveUConn

Legislators are trying to balance the state budget by sacrificing the future health and stability of Connecticut. Governor Malloy promises to veto the budget. But if the legislature's plan to cut over \$300 million in appropriations is approved in the upcoming version of the budget, it would mean devastating cuts to UConn and UConn Health.

Here's how their plan could impact our campuses:

UConn:

In essence, it would erase the past decades of investment by the citizens of the state of Connecticut and close the door to the University of Connecticut for many of our finest students. We could see the elimination of academic departments and degree programs; cutting financial aid while increasing tuition and fees; it would freeze all hiring; and it would cut Division I sports programs. Students would pay more and receive less.

Students already face too much debt. It is unconscionable that the legislature would throw Connecticut students and their families into economic uncertainty while eroding the excellent education UConn is known for.

UConn Health:

UCH is the only public academic health center in Connecticut. The proposed budget cuts could force UCH to close the facility or large portions of it. 82% of students attending UCH are Connecticut residents. The dental school has produced more than 1,600 dentists over the years while also delivering care to 90,000 patients. Our medical school has produced nearly 3,500 doctors since inception and is home to more than 354 in training.

We also have a number of highly regarded nationally accredited internal medicine sub-specialty fellowship training programs that attract the best and the brightest from around the country. This is the future of medicine and of health care.

Why would you destroy a leading institution that provides Connecticut with future doctors and scientists while taking care of patients today? We can't let this happen!