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**Morris will remain open in the event of a state government shutdown**

*Summary: The University is prepared to fiscally manage a state shutdown.*

(June 22, 2011)-The University of Minnesota, Morris will remain open in the event of a state government shutdown. Summer classes, new student orientation, student services, and other activities will continue as usual. Buildings and offices will remain open during regular hours.

“The loss of state support, either temporarily or permanently, will be a challenge to the University of Minnesota,” says Richard Pfutzenreuter, University of Minnesota chief financial officer. “However, like any large and complex organization, the University is prepared to fiscally manage fluctuations in our cash flow. We can weather a short-term disruption in the flow of next year’s state appropriation to the University.”

The University’s goal in planning for a government shutdown is to minimize disruption to students, faculty, staff, and research.

University officials will closely monitor the situation at the Capitol and continue developing contingency plans in case the shutdown should stretch into late summer.

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