



**Important
Date: January 23,
2008**

**Chancellor
Erroll B.
Davis will
address the
joint House
and Senate
Appropriations
Committee
Wednesday,
January 23.
His remarks
are sched-
uled to begin
at 10:00 a.m.
in room 341
of the State
Capitol. You
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Georgia Tech Budget Items Addressed in the Governor's Budget Recommendation for FY 2009 and Amended 2008

The State Capitol sprang to life this week as the 2008 General Assembly was convened. Gov. Perdue released his FY 2009 Budget Report and FY 2008 Amended Budget Report in conjunction with his State of the State address Wednesday.

The proposed FY 2009 budget is \$21.4 billion, about a \$1 billion increase over this year's budget. Listed below are Georgia Tech related items:

Included:

\$6.4 million for renovation of the Hinman building. Funding for this item was approved by the General Assembly last year, but was removed by the governor along with other capital projects that were not in the original budget recommendations. The renova-

tion of this building would serve the College of Architecture and its students through new design, classroom and office space.

FY08 Amended and FY09 General Budgets included debt relief of \$7,831,878 to be allocated to Georgia Tech (\$4,456,033) and Georgia State University (\$3,375,845) for the North Avenue residence halls. These residence halls were purchased by Georgia Tech this summer and house 2,000 Tech undergraduates.

2.5% general salary increase for faculty and staff. If approved, the increase will be effective as of January 1, 2009.

\$65 million for Major Repair and Renovation (MRR); \$35 million in cash and \$30 million in bonds. Georgia Tech will

receive a share of this total to address critical infrastructure repairs.

\$114.7 million to provide for University System of Georgia formula growth. Georgia Tech will receive a share of this total based on enrollment growth and related factors.

Not Included:

\$50 million for the Innovative Learning Resource Center (ILRC). This is Georgia Tech's top budget priority for this session. We are currently gathering facts regarding the exclusion of the ILRC and working with our legislators and University System officials regarding the appropriate next steps. The House will address the budget next week and we will keep you updated on the prospects of this funding.

Please call the Office of Government Relations at 404.894.1238 if you have any questions. We will provide a more detailed look at the budget and other legislation in the next edition of *Network News*.