

Feuchtenberger, Karen

From: Frazier, Kenneth C. <ken_frazier@merck.com>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 6:10 PM
To: Tomalis, Ronald
Subject: Re: Pitt trustees decry proposed state cuts in higher ed funding

Ain't that the truth. The market can be unforgiving, but at least it's rational.

We had a good chat. Merck is the Commonwealth's largest manufacturer. I just wanted the Governor to know that we appreciate his support for our business and to invite him to visit our facility in Montgomery County...

I enjoyed it. He has these back to back....

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 24, 2012, at 6:04 PM, "Tomalis, Ronald" <rtomalis@pa.gov> wrote:

> sometimes, the rules of a free market are so much easier to understand...
 >
 > looking forward to catching up. hope the conversation in DC was
 > worthwhile
 >
 > _____
 >
 > Pitt trustees decry proposed state cuts in higher ed funding
 >
 > Debra Erdley
 > Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
 > February 24, 2012
 >
 > University of Pittsburgh trustees today sent a message to Gov. Tom Corbett and leaders of the four legislative
 caucuses, vowing to join Pitt staff, alumni and students to advocate against Corbett's proposed 30 percent reduction in
 state subsidies to Pitt.
 >
 > The trustees, who met as university officials prepared for the 225th anniversary of the founding of the state academy
 that evolved into Pitt, voted unanimously to support a lengthy resolution by trustee Sam Zacharias. The five-page
 document outlined Pitt's accomplishments and authorized university officials to take whatever actions necessary to
 "protect the overall quality and strength of the university in the face of a proposed escalation in the withdrawal of state
 support" for Pitt.
 >
 > Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Ronald Tomalis, a non-voting member of the board, remained seated as the
 voting members stood in support of the resolution. Tomalis took issue with the resolution's reference to "the apparent
 lack of support for higher education within the current administration."
 >
 > "The commitment to higher education is strong in this commonwealth," Tomalis said.
 >
 > He said the proposal was the governor's answer to balancing competing needs in "a very difficult budget year."
 >

Notice: This e-mail message, together with any attachments, contains information of Merck & Co., Inc. (One Merck Drive, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, USA 08889), and/or its affiliates Direct contact information for affiliates is available at <http://www.merck.com/contact/contacts.html>) that may be confidential, proprietary copyrighted and/or legally privileged. It is intended solely for the use of the individual or entity named on this message. If you are not the intended recipient, and have received this message in error, please notify us immediately by reply e-mail and then delete it from your system. **596**

www.pennstatesunshinefund.org