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UIS might enact unpaid furlough days for staff

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Faculty and staff members at the University of Illinois at Springfield are being alerted that unpaid furlough days may be considered as a way to alleviate budget deficits, should they occur.

UIS spokesman Derek Schnapp said an e-mail message from University of Illinois system President B. Joseph White and the chancellors at the three U of I campuses went out this week.

"It's alerting them that this is something we may have to look at if we encounter budget shortfalls," Schnapp said. "We're not declaring furlough days at this time, and we hope this doesn't happen."

He said no numbers have been discussed.

"We haven't got to that point," he said. "We're watching how this budget thing plays out."

Schnapp said if furlough days become necessary, the administration will discuss the issue with faculty and staff before making an announcement.

In proposing the state budget, Gov. Patrick Quinn called for 12 furlough days for state employees that must be negotiated with unions before enacting.

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