

SUNY Board of Trustees chair tours University Hospital

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University Hospital (WSYR-TV)

Syracuse, New York (WSYR-TV) - The chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees got a first hand look at what massive budget cuts would mean to University Hospital and Upstate Medical University.

Faced with serious budget issues in Albany, the governor in April ordered every state agency and department to tighten its belts and make cuts.

SUNY Trustee chair Carl Hayden says he and the board will fight as hard as they can for the Hospital and Upstate Medical.

"You don't invest in things that permit you only to continue to do what you've been doing, you invest in the things that have a capacity to transform and this kind of facility is one of those things," Hayden says.

Hayden says he was very impressed by what he saw here Thursday, something he called unique and certainly very important to this region.

"Having the capacity to deal with burns and poisons, all the things that outlying communities don't have the capacity to deal with here in place where academic teaching and learning occurs is a tremendous competitive asset for the region," says Hayden.

But it's an asset looking at the real likelihood of not filling several hundred positions at the hospital and delaying the hiring of faculty at SUNY Upstate.

Upstate officials right now are trying to work out how the cuts will impact the campus. They expect to know more fully by late summer or early fall.

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