Hi everybody. Michael Crow here.

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an update by video of our situation following the resounding victory for Proposition 100 yesterday by an overwhelming majority of Arizonans. Let me put all of this into perspective for you so that we can move forward in the right way.

First, true to form, Arizonans have spoken with authority that they believe in and value education, and want us to continue to do as well as we can through this difficult financial moment. They have spoken with a super-majority outlining for us a mandate, not for the funding of the university or K-12 or for public safety, but for protection of the educational and public safety infrastructure during this time crisis. That means then that we have to continue to innovate, to look ahead to generate new revenue, to move the university forward in new and creative ways, and to work on efficiency and effectiveness.

This sales tax victory yesterday is a temporary solution. It’s not a permanent solution. It provides three years of support buying us time to do the following: to generate additional revenue and ways of making the university more effective and efficient. We need to focus our attention and our time on these things.

I think we should be thankful to the people of Arizona because they have demonstrated that they value the long-term interests of education. I also want to be thankful to the citizens that love ASU and that move forward with the ASU Friends of Education, as well as the ASU Foundation for its leadership both in bringing that group together and supporting activities that the university itself can’t be a part of.

In advancing the message that education is important for the future of Arizona and the United States, and that education is a core civic duty, you all know that our educational success will in fact determine our economic success, our social mobility, our ability to move forward, our ability to be adaptive, and our ability to be successful.

I want to say that this is a good day for the university. It’s a day in which we should be thankful to the people that they are willing to help us by limiting our cuts. They are not giving us additional resources.

They are limiting our cuts. We should, as part of our responsibility going forward, be ever diligent of how to improve the university, how to generate revenue for the university, and to move the university to higher levels of success for our students and for the community.

I want to say thank you to all of you for the completion of a successful semester. I’ll be back when I have other timely or important information to pass on to you.

Have a nice summer and thanks.