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Irish Federation of University Teachers**

PRESS RELEASE

**IFUT's “utter astonishment” at threat of
more funding cuts to universities**

Redundancies not an option

2 June 2010

The Irish Federation of University Teachers has reacted with utter astonishment to the prospect of more funding cuts to universities as reported in *The Irish Times* today, 2 June 2010.

“I note that in a panic reaction to the prospect of more cuts, some university sources are allegedly considering redundancies for academic staff”, said Mike Jennings, General Secretary of IFUT.

“I wish to state categorically that under no circumstances will IFUT agree to any compulsory job losses in the university sector”, said Mr Jennings.

“At a time of unprecedented demand for higher education and at a time when we have record numbers of students in our universities, it beggars belief that the Department of Education could even be considering more cuts.”

IFUT calls on the Minister for Education, Ms Mary Coughlan TD, to issue an immediate statement denying these reports.

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