

Hear Us Roar

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Ripped by two unflattering reports documenting exorbitant personnel and salary increases in its top administrative offices, Clemson University announced yesterday that it was considering reducing the salaries of its Administrative Council members by 10%.

“The impact of your good reporting,” one Clemson watchdog e-mailed us, although FITS merely published the reports, we did not prepare them.

Anyway, here’s the reaction from Clemson courtesy of the [Anderson Independent-Mail](#):

Administrative Council members represent some of the highest-paid officials with the university, and a 10 percent cut would be significant. Administrative Council members include, for example, the provost and the executive director of governmental affairs.

Obviously, “considering” a cut is not the same thing as actually cutting, and the University has yet to officially confirm any of this.

Additionally, there are numerous upper administrative positions that would not be affected by the proposed cut.

Still, it’s a pretty amazing development when you consider the typical tone-deafness of the leadership at Clemson.

It’s also an excellent example of the pressure that can be brought to bear by a few committed watchdogs.

Oh, and one incredibly credit-hungry blogger (who insisted on that headline, btw).