

Dear Colleagues,

As we look forward to a new academic year that promises to be filled with challenge and opportunity, I thought it would be helpful for each of you to have access to budget information related to Fullerton College, State, and the College Budget Development Committee recommendations, proposed budget cuts, current reductions, and related information.

In these times of extreme budget constraints it will be helpful for the College Community to have access to budget information as we move forward. All budget documents and analysis are now posted on the Fullerton College Business Office web site at <http://businessoffice.fullcoll.edu/FCBudget.htm>

As a member of the CEO Board statewide, I will be in Sacramento Friday to get an update on the current status of the impact of the State budget on the California Community Colleges. The latest proposal by the Governor continues the deep cuts in apportionment, but offers some relief from the draconian cuts to the categorical programs. The specific PE cuts were transferred from the PE courses to a cut in the general apportionment funding, giving us more flexibility as we identify potential budget reductions. Although Cal Works is now in the 16% cut category; it is worth noting that in previous versions of the State budget it was listed in the "elimination" category, so I read this change as very good news. The cuts to instruction come with a request for the colleges to stay as far away as possible from courses supporting basic skills, CTE, and transfer. The Deans are working this through right now. It is also anticipated that student tuition will increase, the most recent recommendations in the State Legislature is for a \$26 tuition rate effective Fall 2009. We are posting notice of this possibility on all of the Fullerton College student web sites and materials.

Let us continue to hope that the final budget, which is anticipated by June 30, 2009, will have even fewer reductions than the current proposal. Again, you can keep track of this information at <http://businessoffice.fullcoll.edu/FCBudget.htm>

Best wishes for a relaxing summer, warm regards,
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