

All Staff Email Sent February 26, 2006

My apologies for not getting this out sooner. This last week, discussions continued regarding cost containment for this year. Most departments have reported what can be saved in Materials and Services; operations and administrative support part time classified staff will not be scheduled if at all possible beyond March 1; discussions are ongoing regarding part time classified staff that directly support instruction.

Governance councils are proposing ideas that are more systemic in nature that will be explored for budget reductions for FY 07.

A brief outline of the budget process for FY 07: Discussions will take place in departments/divisions about possible reductions and revenue generating proposals until approximately March 20. The Executive Team will then consider and formulate proposals for balancing the budget. These proposals will be forwarded to College Council the week of April 10. The Budget Committee will begin their deliberations in late April and the budget will be finalized in June. In addition to the opportunity to develop proposals with departments/divisions, between mid April and June there will be ample opportunity for feedback on the budget proposals.

I recognize that this is a worrisome time for everyone at the college. Please try to stay focused on providing the best possible learning environment for our students.

Thanks.

Mary.