

## **All Staff Email Sent May 3, 2006**

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Colleagues,

Since the announcement of budget proposals on April 12 and the all staff meeting on April 13, a number of meetings have taken place to move toward a recommendation and final decisions.

- The College Council has had four meetings. Council had a number of information requests and the information has been provided. An opportunity to provide feedback to the Council has been afforded at each of the meetings. Council also reviewed alternative proposals submitted by departments and representatives and took a "straw poll" on each of the alternatives. The work for College Council that remains is to finalize a recommendation on the budget proposals, including alternative proposals, and make a recommendation on revenue proposals. It is expected that this work will be completed on Friday, May 5.
- The budget committee has met twice in work session. They have reviewed the budget reduction proposals, reviewed information on the budget development process, health insurance, PERS and other funds outside the general fund
- Discussions with LCCEF continue as we work to identify labor relations issues raised by the budget proposals.

Next Steps:

**May 3:** The budget committee will meet in work session again this evening. The committee will provide an opportunity for the college community to give feedback on the budget reduction proposals.

**May 10:** The budget committee will have its first official meeting when the proposed budget and the budget message will be presented. The committee will take public comment on the budget reduction proposals. The committee **may** make a decision on budget reduction proposals.

**May 17:** The budget committee will accept public comment during this meeting on the entire budget. The committee will make a final decision on budget reduction recommendations. The committee will likely take a vote on the entire budget at this meeting or may defer to the following week. At this point we will be able to move forward with implementation of the reductions.

**June 14:** The Board of Education is likely to adopt the budget for 2006-07.

I continue to have an open hour each week for anyone who wants to discuss the budget. If you have any questions please let me know.

Mary.