

All Staff Email Sent May 2, 2007

Colleagues,

The Budget Committee will begin a series of meetings this evening. Tonight's meeting will include the legally required election of officers and presentation of the budget message as well as an overview of the budget, projections and budget reduction and revenue proposals. There is no public comment scheduled for this evening since this is an organizing meeting but I expect it will be scheduled in future meetings. I don't expect final decisions from the Budget Committee until late May.

With the faculty ratification of an alternative proposal, the 15 faculty layoffs have been removed from consideration for the FY 08 budget. Discussions with the LCCEF begin today.

On the legislative front I don't expect much to happen until the revenue forecast is released on May 15. Prevailing wisdom in Salem suggests that the general fund revenue will be flat and lottery will be up slightly. A deal on the corporate minimum which would provide additional revenue is proving elusive. I expect things will begin to move quickly after May 15 but it might be late June before we know our appropriation. We are continuing to organize community advocacy for the \$529 million for community colleges.

That's all for now.

Mary.