

All Staff Email Sent May 18, 2007

Colleagues,

We are moving into the final stages of our budget development process. We will continue to use the Governor's budget of \$483 million as the base since the Legislature has not landed on a figure yet.

You may recall that College Council had planned to have an open meeting to discuss the budget proposals. For a variety of reasons (additional work that needed to be done beyond the Budget Review Group proposals to reach the shortfall; bargaining with LCCEA and LCCEF etc.) this meeting was not scheduled prior to the Budget Committee commencing their work.

Since the Budget Committee has been hearing public comment at the last two meetings and will do so again next week that seems to be the better venue for comment at this time. The budget reduction and revenue proposals have been posted on the website since April 24 and they are being discussed at the Budget Committee.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 23, at 5:30 PM in the Boardroom. Comments are usually taken toward the beginning of the meeting. (Each person has three minutes; you may also bring written comments.)

The Budget Committee is likely to conclude its work by the end of May at which time the budget will move to the board for adoption sometime toward the end of June.

Thanks.

Mary.