

**All Staff Email Sent June 23, 2009**

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Colleagues,

This past week we have seen some progress at the Legislature. The Ways and Means Committee passed a budget for the community college support fund of 450.5 million. While this is an increase of \$27 million from the initial co-chair's budget, it is still a 10% decrease over the current biennium. A floor vote is expected in the next day or so. All in all it could have been worse and I am very grateful to all who called and advocated on our behalf.

There is still concern that the next revenue forecast will be down, requiring re-balancing in the first year of the biennium. We will monitor this carefully so that we might avoid mid-year reductions.

In other good news, the Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Capital Construction voted out a bill today that included \$8 million in match for the Downtown Campus. It was another hard fought battle to get this project on the list. The funds will allow us to move forward expeditiously with our plans for replacing the building.

The Legislature should be wrapping up within the next few days. Given the financial times, it's a good result. Again, I want to thank everyone who took time to talk with legislators including LCCEF and LCCEA leadership, managers, students, board members and, of course, Brett Rowlett, who consistently watched out for our interests and assured that Lane Community College was in front of our legislative delegation at all times.

Mary.