

Hello

Tomorrow evening, April 8th, we will update the Board of Education on our progress as we work to balance our current fiscal year (FY15) and continue to develop the FY16 budget.

This Year (FY15):

We continue to track well and are doing a great job of controlling part time expenses and M&S spending. It is imperative that we continue with our efforts to limit purchases and tightly control our labor cost for the rest of this academic year. The dollars we can save presently will allow us to have that budgetary discretion in the future as we proceed with developing the FY16 budget.

I want to highlight again that Staff, Faculty and Managers deserve a great amount of credit for managing to budgets and finding creative ways to approach the work we do in a different way.

We had a great meeting last week with the Budget and Finance sub committee of College Council and the group reviewed work plans and strategy for moving forward. I am optimistic this group will have a balanced budget recommendation to bring to the Board in May.

You may remember in the material I shared with you after the March Board meeting that I had mentioned one balancing strategy that was program reductions. Because of contractual deadlines we have started to notify both staff and students in programs about the possibility of program eliminations. The programs on the short list for elimination are Electronics, and Automotive Collision and Refinishing, and Medical Office Assistant will be put on hiatus for program redevelopment. These are very hard decisions and multiple criteria are considered when recommending a program reduction. These programs were reviewed using the criteria set forth in our Budget Document, Appendix D - Long Range Financial Plan. The Board of Education makes the final decision regarding program eliminations.

In accordance with Article 10.2 we have begun conversations regarding alternatives with the LCCEA and the labor management group.

We are looking at using some of our ending fund balance and holding some vacant positions open. At this time we are also considering program and service consolidations, and some reorganizations.

The information I shared with the Board is available on the budget website:

<http://www.lanec.edu/budget/current-information-and-communications>

The budget blog is also active. Questions asked will be answered directly and on the Lane budget website. <https://blogs.lanec.edu/budget/qa/>

Thank you

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