

Hello

Last Wednesday evening we updated 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:

I am pleased to report that the work we are doing to manage this year has resulted in our being on track to meet our goals based on the adjustments we have made to the current fiscal year budget. 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 continue to do well with M&S spending and need to continue this trend through the fiscal year.

Part time staff continue to be affected the most as we readjust to our current and decreasing enrollment levels. Last year 's budget for part time staff was \$16 million dollars. Adjusting for enrollment decline and current funding levels this year's part time budget is set at \$12.5 million. Keep in mind that we addressed last year's shortfall with no layoffs for permanent full-time staff.

Next Year:

We provided the board with a planning projection for FY16 and we will use this as a starting point for the budget development process. The College Council's Budget and Finance subcommittee will begin work this week on developing a balanced budget proposal to deliver to the board later this spring. We are anticipating a single digit enrollment decrease and a part time budget decrease. We are looking at using some of our ending fund balance and holding some vacant positions open. We are committed to filling some of our faculty vacancies. At this time we are also forced to consider program and service consolidations, reorganizations and program eliminations based on the principles, criteria and data elements included in our long range financial plan.

A second all-campus budget forum will be scheduled early in April.

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/>

I want to emphasize that I greatly appreciate the amount of interest in the process and your input on budget development. Difficult decisions face us as we adjust to declining enrollment levels and changes in our funding structure and your participation is important.

Thank you

Brian