All: I have reviewed all of the recommended Budget Requests from the Budget Committee. As you recall, requests were submitted by each department/division to the Budget Committee for consideration. On March 26, 2013 the Budget Committee reviewed the requests and forwarded me their recommendations for funding. These requests were consistent with the program review recommendations as well as with goals of the College’s Strategic Plan. I also found that these requests were well “thought-out” and reflected our continued efforts in enhancing students’ success.

With the exception of the $50,000 line item to the Library for print and data base materials which I am now approving, all requests will be held until the State’s budget is approved and our allocation from the District finalized. The $50,000 line item to the Library will be for each year for the next 5 years for the purchase and updating of the materials aforementioned. These materials are being purchased and updated based on the discussions between the discipline faculty and the librarians in addition to the print and data base materials that librarians know are necessary for a functioning library. The amount of funding toward these materials will be assessed annually.

I expect that the May Revise will be forthcoming around May 10th. This Revise will give us an additional “look” into funding that the California Community Colleges will receive. We are hopeful that our 2013-14 budget will have an increase – however, please be reminded that is not a guarantee. Even with a projected increase in budget, the 2013-14 year will be “tight” and the College is committed to having a year of no deficit spending.

I will keep you informed of further developments affecting the 2013-14 budget.

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