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May 20, 2010

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Mark McKean

Hello everyone,

Vice President
Bill Henry

It has been awhile since my last update and now that we have the Governor's "May Revise", we can begin to move forward with some degree of certainty.

Clerk
Nina Oxborrow

Steve Cantu

The efforts by everyone to save and sacrifice in order to minimize the loss of full time faculty and staff positions have been heroic. The effect of our work has been successful by increasing our ending balance in preparation for next year's budget. Thank you again for your hard work on behalf of your colleagues and students.

Edna L. Ivans

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While the budget news is relatively good, there will be some rough spots along the way. The state is experiencing a severe cash flow problem. They solve their problem by not paying us on time; thereby delaying our payments and causing us to experience a cash flow problem. Fortunately, we are in much better shape this year than last year to absorb the temporary loss.

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In addition to the state cash flow issue, we will experience increases in health care and retirement costs that we will need to absorb. We will discuss how this will occur through the collective bargaining process. As to furloughs, we continue to plan without using this method.

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I do not anticipate an official state budget until late in the summer. In the meantime, the colleges are preparing for similar schedules, focusing on the "meat and potatoes" students need. The faculty and staff have also implemented a "wait list" feature. Keith Stearns was instrumental in getting this function up and running along with the new "course look-up" feature. There will be new features coming later in the summer or early fall.

Accreditation

We are entering the "home stretch" of the accreditation process. Everyone has done a great job. Thanks for your effort and hard work

on this continuous process. The colleges are in their final stages of writing and fine-tuning their self-studies. We are building a “user friendly” presence for everyone to see our processes and review our results. By December or January the selection and training of our visiting teams will be complete. More and more teams are relying on the colleges to provide a “visiting team site” through the website for their immediate review of our materials.

Summer Activities

Your college presidents will be communicating with you to participate in summer activities involving the Strategic Plan for the District, a Task Force for the One Year Schedule, and a Master Meeting Schedule Task Force. The purpose of the Master Meeting Schedule is to provide more time for meetings in the early part of the semesters, which would allow more time to enjoy the festivities of December and May. These will not be long and drawn out activities; rather, focused two to three day events off site with meals provided in a relaxed, yet productive atmosphere.

In conclusion, thanks again for working together to make this a positive year. We have much to celebrate beginning with how we value the work we do, the students we serve, and the impact we make on their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

Enjoy the end of year celebrations and have a great graduation!

Sincerely,



Frank Gornick
Chancellor