

## **FOOTHILL BUDGET UPDATE/NEWS**

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### **Budget News**

Yesterday Governor Schwarzenegger chose not to put forth the usual outline for the coming year's budget during his brief State of the State address. Instead, his twelve-minute speech focused solely on urging lawmakers to adopt a budget plan immediately to address the current fiscal crisis. There was no more information provided than what was in his Dec. 31 budget proposal. For California's community colleges the prospect of a mid-year cut is still likely, but the size of the cut will not be known until a budget plan to solve the fiscal crisis is approved. Using a range of possible cuts, our district leadership has estimated the impact of mid-year cuts and what it would translate to each college and central services. Based on this information, Foothill College has created contingency plans to address our share of the cuts, which you will find on this Web site as they become available. These plans address not only the impact of mid-year cuts, but also our own ongoing deficits at both the college and district level. When a state budget plan is approved, we will work quickly to share information and communicate its impact at the district and college level