

## **FOOTHILL BUDGET UPDATE/NEWS**

February 2, 2009

### **Budget News**

The Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees will hold a meeting on March 9 to act on any certificated layoffs or contract changes that require notification by March 15 pursuant to the Education Code. No faculty would lose employment during the 09-10 year. Assignment of additional duties to administrators would be effective July 1, 2009.

While classified layoffs at Foothill can be avoided through December, 2009, we need to plan now for possible reductions effective January 1, 2010. We will continue to manage our vacancies to minimize the number of filled positions that would be affected. Updated program plans, data analysis, and dialogue will drive the choices for reduction. A calendar of key dates over the next ten months will be published on or about February 10.

One other concern I wanted to address will come as a small bit of good news to those of you who feared that some students would have to drop out if they received IOU's instead of cash for their Cal Grant. As of January 15, it was expected that Cal Grant payments to community colleges would be delayed until the state's cash-flow situation was resolved and the state could issue additional mid-year cash instruments. Vice Chancellor Dunn authorized February payments to our students in keeping with the System Office request to protect student enrollments and provide interim financing, as many districts were able to do during last fall's budget delay. The State ultimately forwarded payments to us for February through April, but May payments are in question.

I appreciate the many ideas and suggestions that have been offered and I welcome the opportunity to talk with you at your department/division/constituency meetings. Please contact Annette Stenger at 7200 if you would like to schedule some time. We will continue to use Town Halls, e-mails, Web updates, and face-to-face meetings to enhance communication and discussion.

Thank you so much for your patience and dedication during these difficult times. Together we will find solutions!