

## Budget Message 13

### Update - State Budget for Community Colleges

Rita's 5/20/09 email informed you about the Ways and Means co-chairs budget that proposes a further reduction in community college funding to \$423M. We are waiting to receive the final budget numbers that should arrive within the next 10 days. At that point, we'll need to make significant budget reductions. The budget team did not meet this week. The next meeting is scheduled for June 3.

### Budget Communications During the Summer

Marlene will continue to send the budget messages every Friday – even when there is no news to report. You are encouraged to check your email if you want to stay informed.

### Suggestions

1. Have you thought of using Thin Client? This is related to the laptop suggestion last week. Thin client computing is a response to the constant PC desktop upgrade and maintenance cycle. A thin client is a "display-only" device, meaning it displays applications that run on dedicated servers rather than on the computer.

Response: We will look at this again but Thin Client means more investment in the network servers and it doesn't work for many of our programs that have specialized software like CAD. Ann L. Adams, Director Information Services

2. Why do we continue to fund intercollegiate athletics rather than retaining programs that train people for employment?

Response: This response is from budget message #6 - No reductions planned, however, all of the college teams in the northwest are working with the NW Athletic Association of Community Colleges to reduce travel for games next year. Athletic programs receive most of their support from students fees and Foundation fund accounts. Update - savings will occur from eliminating travel expenses for two out-of-area basketball games.

3. Science, Technology, and Society Perspective course substitutions - in reference to "everyone" emails sent from Danny Aynes on 5/26/09.

Response: Due to a reduction in course offerings, there is a part-time faculty salary savings of \$21,719. This number was included in a previous report of salary savings.