

Hello,

Happy week 11 of Fall term. There are lots of great things happening around campus; new students coming to Lane for the first time, and old buildings being transformed into 21st century spaces. Thank you for all you do to help foster an environment of student success here at Lane Community College.

This evening I provided the Board of Education with an early projection of how we are tracking in the General Fund this year.

I want to recognize the work accomplished last year by the college Council's budget and finance sub-committee that prudently planned and budgeted for a 12% enrollment decline, getting us back to mean FTE of 10,800. This foresight will greatly assist in managing the budget for this fiscal year.

We are actually experiencing a decline of 18.5% (credits) through Fall term compared to last year, which has affected our tuition and fees revenue projection.

The FTE declines in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 have been greater than those of other colleges (as you know, Lane is usually on the leading edge of both increases and declines). This has impacted our allocation through the CCWD funding model. The October 15 funding estimate reflected a \$1.7M decrease this year of the biennium.

At the same time, a decline in state funding for community colleges has continued. This year, Lane will receive less state funding than in 2008—six years ago.

The good news is that we are tracking well on the expenditure side and I want to recognize the hard work that has gone into managing to our new enrollment levels.

This year we have already withheld capital outlay allocations and reset part-time budget and we are continuing with our M&S limitations, so we will have fewer options to reduce this year's shortfall.

Our current plan, shared with the Board, is to bring in additional one time funds from our enterprise activities and to ensure a sufficient general fund balance. We will continue to carefully manage expenses to sustain current enrollment.

College Council has voted to reinstate the Finance Council and they will meet soon to begin the work of developing criteria for this year's development process.

I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a restful break

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