

New Cabrillo Budget Holds Old Tax Rate

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A preliminary budget totaling \$2,200,025 for the 1967-68 year was presented this morning to the board of trustees of Cabrillo College. Officials stressed the budget will require no increase in the districts general fund tax rate of 35 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The budget for the coming year represents a reduction from this year's figure of \$2,255,624. Officials explained the cut stems largely from the curtailment of federal projects carried on by the college as part of its community services programs and financed by funds provided under the Manpower Development and Training Act.

The budget calls for an increase, however, in the total current expense of education from the 1966-67 level of \$1,767,968 to \$1,865,698 for the 1967-68 year. This includes a previously-approved 3.3 per cent pay increase for certificated (instruction) personnel and a propose 4 per cent boost in pay for classified staff, including

maintenance, clerical and custodial personnel.

Officials said the 4 per cent raise is tentative and is based on negotiations now in progress. A firm recommendation is scheduled for presentation to trustees at their June 5 regular meeting.

The district's total tax rate amounts to 60 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This includes, in addition to the 35-cent general fund rate, the following: .1640 cents for debt service, .0125 cent for certificated annuity, .0077 of a cent for classified retirement, .0054 for Federal Old Age, Survivors and Dependents Insurance (Social Security), .0471 for community services, .0083 for Blue Cross and .0050 for adult education.

Trustees were reminded that revenue from each of the specialized tax rates is restricted to the use designated and cannot be used for general operations of the college. These are financed by the general fund tax rate.

Lee Harris, assistant superintendent for business, told the board he estimates an increase of about \$25 million in the district's assessed valua-

tion next year, or a 9.5 per cent hike from the 1966-67 figure of \$270,119,727.

By category, the preliminary budget calls for the following expenditures: administration, \$78,230; instruction, \$1,419,630; health, \$2500; transportation, \$7000; operation, \$152,809; campus patrol, \$8025; maintenance, \$80,644; fixed charges, \$116,860; community service, \$177,309; tuition, \$12,000; undistributed reserve, \$25,518; general reserve, \$100,000; revolving warehouse, \$17,500; and revolving cash, \$2000.

A preliminary public hearing on the budget is scheduled for the board's June 5 meeting. The budget must be tentatively adopted prior to July 1 and sent to the county superintendent of schools for review. The last public hearing and final adoption of the budget is set for August 7.

Dr. Robert Swenson, college president, told the trustees the estimates are based on maintaining the same tax rate, a conservative prediction of increased enrollment, and per student cost at about the same level as in the current year.