

# Cabrillo Prepares For Future Cuts

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Even though Cabrillo College trustees still don't know just how much more they'll have to trim the 1982-83 budget, they moved Tuesday to set up a panel to evaluate programs and services for cuts the following year.

The Governing Board in June approved a tentative 1982-83 (fiscal year) budget of \$14.6 million, down from \$15.2 million for the year ending June 30.

The Cabrillo budget was based on state funding predictions included in the state's budget, which, at that time, had not been signed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Now, that state budget has been signed and some of the expected revenue has been eliminated.

The signed state budget does not include cost of living adjustments for community colleges, so Cabrillo trustees will have to scratch some \$500,000 from their tentative budget.

Also, the state Legislature has approved a bill to stop funding certain avocational, self-help and recreational classes. The bill is expected to save the state some \$30 million. Cabrillo President John Petersen told trustees the action is expected to cost the college about \$300,000.

He said he expects to hear by the end of the week which specific courses will no longer be funded, but predicted they will be in the areas of art and physical education.

Affected courses will be removed from the regular fall schedule and moved under the Community Education Department and will be offered to students for a fee.

Petersen told The Sentinel this morning he expects to take a final 1982-83 budget, including those two funding cuts, to the trustees for action at their August meeting.

"This is the most difficult year in the history of Cabrillo College," said Petersen.

If this year is the most difficult, next year is the most uncertain for the funding law for community colleges expires next June 30 and the state Legislature may decide to change some or all the rules.

Community Colleges have primarily been funded according to average daily attendance. But, said Petersen, the state chancellor's office is exploring alternatives, including increased fees and tuition.

Petersen told the Governing Board he expects there will be substantial fee increases or tuition, "but all of that is unknown at this time. . . The condition of the economy of the state and nation does not give indications that justify much optimism about next year. Planning for 1983-84 cannot wait and must be undertaken now."

So, Petersen proposed and the Board of Governors approved a formal review of programs and services be made before the end of December.

Programs will be evaluated, Petersen said, by the following criteria: Serving the central mission of the college, student demand, student completion rate in the program, the employment/transfer rate and cost per student.

Services will be evaluated by the following criteria: How the service supports the central teaching-learning mission of the college, amount of use of the service and what the consequences would be if the service were eliminated or suspended.