

\$20.9 million Cabrillo budget gets final OK

The Cabrillo College governing board Tuesday gave final approval to the college's \$20.9 million budget for the 1987-88 school year. The state has increased its funding to the college 3.4 percent from last year, according to business manager Cliff Nichols. The year before the state gave a 5.7 percent raise.

The budget includes reserves of \$1.1 million, which Nichols said will have to cover any increases in salaries. Those salaries are yet to be negotiated; the two employee unions made their initial proposals to the board Tuesday.

The Cabrillo faculty is seeking a 4 percent raise. Sharon Peters, chairwoman of the Cabrillo College Federation of Teachers, also asked the board for an increase in health benefits to cover a recent hike in dental and health insurance premiums.

The instructors are also asking that 75 percent of any increase the college receives in lottery funding, or state funding based on attendance, be distributed to the faculty.

The non-teaching employees, represented by the Service Employees International Union, Local 415, are asking for a 7 percent raise. Union president David Morales also asked for a \$50 per month increase in health benefits to cover the higher premiums.

The non-teaching employees are asking for an additional paid holiday and for "longevity provisions" amounting to a 1 percent salary increase per year after an employee has worked for Cabrillo for 15 years.

Governing Board President George Couch told Morales and Peters that the board will hold a special meeting next week to discuss the unions' offers and prepare a response.