

Cabrillo chops budget to save \$1 million

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Cabrillo College's governing board last night axed nearly a \$1 million from its budget for next year, eliminating numerous positions and abolishing an electronics program.

A total of \$908,967 was slashed from Cabrillo's \$30 million 1994-95 budget, the biggest bite being the elimination of the electronics technology program, which accounted for \$230,986. The second largest cut — \$160,320 — came by way of

wiping out eight vacant faculty positions.

About 10 other positions — both vacant and presently filled — were eliminated, combined, replaced or reduced.

Programs and services were also hit hard. Programs such as journalism and early childhood education received a reduction in teaching units. The word processing center, including its vacant position, was eliminated for a savings of \$40,081.

But before Cabrillo absorbs this

round of cuts, the college expects another blow, said board member David Weiss.

The state's lame economy and a decline in local property-tax revenues across the state could force the college to additionally cut between \$100,000 and \$200,000, Weiss said. To add more fuel to the fire, funding for community colleges is not expected to increase in the foreseeable future, he said.

"We are going to hurt this year, and the next year, and more likely than not, the year after that,"

Weiss said. "I don't see a light at the end of the tunnel."

Cabrillo employees, Weiss said, have not had a raise in the last three years, but their workload and responsibilities have increased as positions are eliminated and others are left unfilled.

"What that means is 'work harder for less' and that's a very difficult pill for all of us to swallow," Weiss said.

The unions, he said, have been cooperative in helping the college

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through these difficult times.

"They are doing what is best for the college and what is best for them," Weiss said.

In other board action:

- The board approved a code of ethnics, which will become an official part of the Cabrillo College Governing Board Policy Manual. The code of ethics lists 13 items that will serve as guidelines for board members.

- College administrators were given the OK to start bids for construction of the Learning Resource Center and Photography Lab projects. These bids must be awarded before June 30.

- Seven Cabrillo buildings will have their roofs and gutters repaired. The board approved the bid from Guy's Roofing Inc., a Redwood City company, for \$160,430. The second lowest bid was \$198,509, while the highest bid was \$470,957.

Half the money to pay for the project will come from Cabrillo, the other half from the state. The buildings to get roof repairs are 300, 400, 450, 500, 700, 800, and 1100.