

Numbers!

PCC's Finance Newsletter

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Welcome back to **Numbers!** The Newsletter about the College's Finances! Our goal is to inform and educate the College community with useful and timely finance and budget information that impacts PCC. Enjoy!

News

- Chancellor Lambert [emailed](#) the College community regarding the PCC Financial and Budget Outlook for fiscal year 2016 and Executive Vice Chancellor David Bea has made presentations to the Board of Governors on [11/3/14](#) and [11/19/14 \(video\)](#). Starting in early 2015, David Bea and Chancellor Lambert plan to visit M&S and each of our campuses to meet with faculty, staff, and students to answer questions and encourage open dialog.
- At the 12/1/14 [Special Meeting](#) of the Board of Governors, the Board approved the [development of three fiscal year 2015-2016 budget scenarios](#). These general fund budget scenarios consist of reductions of \$5, 10, or 15 million, represent general fund budget decreases that range from about 3 to 9.5 percent, and anticipate declines in revenue from tuition and fees (due to lower enrollment levels), lower state appropriations, and other budget impacts. As the fiscal year 2016 budget process continues, more estimates will become facts and the budget will be finalized by May 2015 and subsequently voted on by the Board in June 2015. Current budget information may be found on the [budget webpage](#) and video of presentations to the Board of Governors may be viewed on the [Meeting Video & Presentations webpage](#).
- David Bea recently contacted the College community regarding a change to the College's food service. In the email he wrote, "Follett Higher Education Group has been selected to operate food service operations at the College, beginning in mid-January. The company's creative approach to serving its customers, its interest in working with local food companies and food trucks, its commitment to invest in service facilities and its overall approach to new ideas and concepts emerged as key points in the Request for Proposal process conducted recently by the College." Further updates regarding food service will be shared with the College community.
- The Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee have been meeting as [scheduled](#), and you can find information on their [meeting agendas, notices and supporting materials webpage](#).

Fiscal Year 2016 and State of Arizona Budget and Outlook

- The latest [Joint Legislative Budget Committee \(JLBC\)](#) financial report prepared for the Arizona Legislature in [November 2014](#) states that October was the 7th consecutive month where State revenue collections fell below the budgeted forecast amounting to almost \$72 million under budget.
- JLBC staff has produced a [report](#) of State of Arizona General Fund Budget changes from FY 2008 to FY 2015. During this time period, Community Colleges have experienced the 9th greatest funding cut out of all State Agencies (-57%, from about \$168 million to \$72 million)! The State rationalizes the cuts to Community College by writing: "Community College funding fell by \$(95) million, or (57%). In the aggregate, property tax and tuition growth have more than offset the decline in General Fund support." During this same time period, the budget for the Department of Corrections increased 10% from \$910 million to \$997 million (\$87 million).
- The College's [fiscal year 2016 budget calendar](#) has been updated on the College website. Please refer back to this webpage, as it will continue to be updated throughout the budget process.