

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

- *Did you know?* When compared to last year's budget, the current Fiscal Year 2016 budget is lower by \$7.5 million, or almost 3%. When compared to the Fiscal Year 2014 budget from two years ago, this year's budget is lower by about \$25.3 million or about 9%. Documents detailing the Fiscal Year 2016 budget are posted on the [Budget webpage](#) and include: [the budget presented on state forms](#) and [general fund budget detail](#).
- As in past years, David Bea will be making presentations about the College's current financial situation as well as the outlook for next year's budget. Look for these budget update presentations soon at a location near you.
- Increased enrollment of 1,000 FTSE per year was one of the assumptions upon which the Fiscal Year 2016 budget was based. Although full academic year FTSE is currently up 9% (+67), FTSE for the Fall 2015 was down by about -4% (-263) and for the Spring 2016 semester FTSE is currently down by about -5% (-261).
- Last month, David Bea made a [Fiscal Year 2017 budget planning presentation](#) to the Board of Governors. This was based on FTSE levels of 20,000 and a -\$5.0 million reduction when compared to this year's budget.
- The College is actively working to amend [laws](#) related to Expenditure Limitation (EL) and continues to work with a lobbyist to minimize the impact of any EL legislation. Last year, a portion of [House Bill 2414](#) approved the formation of an EL Special Study Committee and Chancellor Lambert was a member of this committee. The final Committee report is publicly posted [here](#).
- The Board of Governor's [Finance and Audit Committee](#) has continued to provide additional oversight and monitoring responsibilities of the College's financial, audit, and investment related performance, policies, and procedures and we thank each volunteer member for their dedication and support of the College. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2016 and meeting agendas and minutes may be viewed [here](#).
- In collaboration with the [Strategic Planning Committee](#), the [Budget Sub-Committee](#) helps ensure the College budget integrates strategic planning with the budgeting and resource allocation processes. This Strategic Planning Budget Subcommittee has developed an evaluation process to be used to make budgetary decisions. The [budget criteria](#) include expectations, base assumptions, and criteria for making budgetary decisions.
- In support of the hiring freeze, a Hiring Justification and Request form and process is available on the Intranet under *College Forms>Human Resources Forms>Employment and Employee Processing>Hiring Justification and Request*. Instructions and a flowchart of the process are included. Student workers, full-time faculty, international program, veterans, temporary employees (< 20 hours/week), contract, and grant funded positions are excluded from the hiring freeze process.

State of Arizona Legislative and Budget News

- The opening day of the Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Regular Session was January 11, 2016.
- The latest [Joint Legislative Budget Committee \(JLBC\)](#) financial report prepared for the Arizona Legislature in [December 2015](#) states that for period ended November 30, 2015, state revenue collections were **above** prior year results and were **above** the budget forecast.