

**President Welty – Budget Update
February 4, 2011**

As I mentioned, we will continue to communicate about our planning to deal with the 2011-2012 budget year. The task before us is very, very difficult. We need to plan for an approximate reduction of 20 million dollars in our base budget.

We have released today a process that we will follow over the next several weeks to actually build a budget plan for 2011-2012. That process will include consultation by myself and the vice-presidents with our major constituent groups. We will be releasing to our campus community a request that you submit suggestions to us for steps that should be taken to balance the budget.

We'll review those request along with the results of our consultation over the next few weeks. By mid-March we'll provide planning numbers to the deans and other major leaders of our organizational units. At that time we'll ask everyone to plan according to those numbers and submit their recommendations by early April. After reviewing those recommendations we will take a few days to receive further comments by our constituent groups and I hope by early May or mid-May to announce a plan and begin implementation of that plan.

In the meantime, we are continuing to work as hard as we can with legislators and others to indicate what a disastrous consequence the budget proposal will have on Fresno State and California State University. We all must continue to communicate with everyone possible about the value of public higher education for the state of California and the importance of providing an opportunity for those students that are qualified to enter the California State University.

Specific information is available at Budget Central (www.FresnoStateNews.com/budget-central)

I urge you to review that information, so that you can participate in this process as we go forward. Please feel free to let me know what other ideas or suggestions you have, because it is important that we work together as we work through in this difficult period in our university's history.