

Student Survival Guide to Cabrillo's Budget Crisis

WHY can't I get into the classes I need?

As a result of the California budget crisis, funding to Community Colleges has been reduced and Cabrillo College has been reducing its budget for several years. This reduction in funding translates into fewer classes being offered and services being impacted. These reductions are **not** over, and Cabrillo College has been using college reserves to help reduce the impact on you, the students. Over the next several years, the college will be making decisions that will change the future of Cabrillo for years to come.

WHO should I contact to express my concerns?

The purpose of the Student Senate is to represent you, the students. You can visit the Senate office in SAC East (above the bookstore) and speak directly with a student senator. Join us at the Student Senate meetings and speak during the public comment period or simply come and listen. Senate meetings are held every **Thursday at 3 pm in SAC East room 225**. (Watsonville meeting dates are posted.) Student Senators will offer support whenever they can, including speaking to the appropriate people about the issue or concern you may have.

WHAT can I do to ensure I get the best education possible?

- **Register for classes** as early as possible.
- **Attend classes** every day and on time! Students not present when attendance is taken are more likely to be dropped from the roster. Being registered for a class and not attending is risky and not advised!
- **Utilize services** available such as the FOUR textbook programs. The following programs are funded by the ASCC Student Senate: Borrow a Book, Textbooks on Reserve, the Textbook Rental Program and the Textbook Exchange. More information is available at the SAC East Front Desk or contact a student senator about these programs.
- **Get Involved!** To have your voice heard, contact student senators regarding campus issues and/or concerns. The ASCC senate representatives will discuss student concerns/issues and work toward a resolution.
- **Attend meetings** where critical decisions are made that affect YOU! Students are encouraged to attend and provide input in all public meetings. The following meetings are open and you are encouraged to attend:
 - Governing Board**
 - Meets the first Monday of every month at 6 pm in the Sesnon House
 - The Governing Board is the highest authority at Cabrillo College. They approve the budget, can hire or fire the President, and determine the various administrative policies at Cabrillo College
 - College Planning Council (CPC)**
 - Meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 2 pm in SAC East Room 225.
 - The CPC is comprised of administrators and representatives from both faculty and staff who advise and make recommendations to the College President.
 - Faculty Senate**
 - Meets every other Tuesday from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Sesnon House.
 - The Faculty Senate makes many decisions such as degree requirements, class reductions, and curriculum changes.
 - ASCC Student Senate**
 - Meets every Thursday at 3 pm in Aptos and monthly in Watsonville.
 - Consists of 20 student representatives of whom eight are Executive Board Members and 12 Senators-at-Large. Their job is to make sure that the students' voice is heard and represented properly on campus.