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TO: DCCC Faculty and Staff
FROM: Mary E. Rittling
SUBJECT: Governor's Budget

On March 20, 2013, Governor McCrory presented his proposed budget. For specific details regarding his recommendations for the North Carolina Community College System, please refer to pages 50-56, attached here. The budget is more than 300 pages, but you can see it in its entirety at http://osbm.nc.gov/thebudget.

Also, on March 20, Dr. Scott Ralls, President, NC Community College System, released a statement (see attached) concerning Governor McCrory’s proposed budget. In his response, Dr. Ralls suggests that the budget will fund some of our key priorities but it comes at an expensive tradeoff for our students and us. We will most likely receive less recurring state support next year while our students will pay more in tuition and fees.

Governor McCrory’s budget will now go to the legislature for review, and his recommendations act as the foundation for discussions there. Early indications forecast a probable impact of more than $35 million across the system. This doesn’t include the added impact of tuition increases to curriculum and continuing education.

Here at DCCC, we are reviewing the implications the budget will have on our campus operations and preparing for a reduction in our state budget appropriation. I will continue to keep you apprised of details as they develop, and my plan is to send out additional information next week concerning the budgetary impact.

This memo, along with other information regarding the budget, will be posted on our Website’s Faculty & Staff page for your reference at http://davidsonccc.edu/about-dccc/budget. We will continue to add information there about the budget as it unfolds.

I will also discuss the budget at my next Open Forum on Thursday, March 28, at 11 a.m. in Mendenhall 226.