

## Jolley, Kate

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**From:** Bricker, Erin on behalf of Chong, Frank  
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**To:** Chong, Frank  
**Subject:** Impacts of Governor's Proposed 2020/21 Budget on SRJC

### This email is sent on behalf of President Frank Chong

*(Bcc'ed: Board of Trustees, Student Trustee & dl.staff.all)*

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to share with you a summary of Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed 2020/21 budget. I've asked our Interim Vice President, Finance & Administrative Services, Kate Jolley, to provide a clear and comprehensive summary of the impacts that this proposed budget could have on SRJC.

Before we delve into the details, I want to commend Kate on her ongoing efforts to present budgetary matters to all of us at SRJC in a way that is both clear and candid. I believe this has allowed a much greater level of input from all members of the college community, in following SRJC's commitment to shared governance and collaborative discussion.

### The Governor's Proposed 2020-21 Budget

Governor Newsom released his proposed budget for 2020-21 on January 10 and it demonstrated his continued support for education. The budget proposal includes an ongoing increase of \$272 million plus an additional \$62.6 million in one-time changes for California community colleges.

The highlights that affect SRJC include:

- A 2.29% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the unrestricted general fund.
- \$20.1 million in capital project funding for the modernization of the Tauzer Gymnasium.
- No refinements to the new funding formula.
  - There is a proposal to include payment for first generation students in the future. We are anticipating the Chancellor's Office will develop ways to begin to collect information.
  - There is a \$9.7 million allotment for the funding formula, so we hope that will prevent deficit funding next year.
- A 2.29% COLA on categorical programs, but none on adjunct programs, Student Equity & Achievement (SEA), or for Student Financial Aid Administration (SFAA), all of which are greatly needed.
- A \$27.8 million expansion of apprenticeship programs, plus an additional \$20 million in one-time funds for the expansion of work-based learning into curriculum.
- \$21.4 million to support food pantries and legal services.
- Funding for the Dreamer Resource Liaison mandate that was recently signed into law.
- \$5 million for instructional materials for dual enrollment students.
- \$10 million as a one-time supplement to fund part-time faculty office hours.
- \$17.2 million in one-time funds for scheduled maintenance and instructional equipment. This is an increase of \$3.7 million from 2019/20.
- \$15 million in one-time funds to support a pilot fellowship program for diverse hiring, which will create a statewide fellowship for recent/current graduate students.
- \$10 million in one-time funds to expand zero cost textbook pathways through competitive grants.
- There is also a proposal to shift multiple set-asides from current programs into a new support program.

- This would include all or a portion of set-asides from:
  - SEA program
  - Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES)
  - Strong Workforce
  - The Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI)
  - Integrated Technology
  - Transfer Education & Articulation
  - Expanded Delivery of Courses through Technology
  - Media campaigns currently funded in SFAA programs.
- We have not seen the anticipated financial aid reform, but the state is awaiting a report from the California Student Aid Commission, so that will likely be addressed in future budget discussions.

As we look at these initial proposals, we must remember that this is simply a first glimpse as to what a final budget may look like. There is still a long road ahead before the state's budget is adopted but we will keep you updated as more information is known.

On the whole, I believe many of these proposed changes will be positive and I am very optimistic that SRJC is moving in the right direction to correct our budgetary challenges and better serve the changing demographics of Sonoma County. We may not be done just yet, but I believe that with your help, we can get there.

More detailed budget information can be found [here](#).

Please feel free to send any questions to Kate Jolley at [kjolley@santarosa.edu](mailto:kjolley@santarosa.edu) and the latest information on the budget can always be found at <https://accounting.santarosa.edu/budget-updates>

Sincerely,

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