



Office of the President

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TO: Alvin Community College Students
FROM: A. Rodney Allbright
DATE: April 13, 2011
SUBJECT: College Planning

This academic year I have conducted various meetings, forums, and workshops with College faculty, personnel, and ACC students. In these meetings and forums we have discussed maintaining the high standards at Alvin Community College that allow students a positive university transfer or opportunity to enter the work force after specialized training. We have also discussed the national and state economy and the economic difficulty confronting the state of Texas. The current State Legislative Session (82nd Session) is developing a biennium budget while confronting a \$15-27 billion deficit.

With a significant economic deficit confronting the State Legislature, all areas of the Texas Budget will have some negative impact (public education, highways/transportation, medical funding, higher education, etc.). On behalf of Alvin Community College, I remain in contact with our State Representative Randy Weber and our state Senator Mike Jackson. Their remarks indicate that, at this time, not enough information is available to complete a state budget or to determine higher education funding for the next biennium, however, they will send updated budget information as it becomes available.

At Alvin Community College we have utilized a Budget Planning Team to prepare a proposed budget for the Board of Regents' consideration. Members of the College faculty, personnel, and ACC students have been asked, at various meetings and forums, for suggestions and recommendations as budget planning continues for academic year 2011-2012.

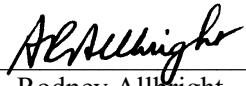
During the current state biennium, Alvin Community College, along with all other Texas public community colleges, received a 5% reduction in funding during the first year. In the second year of the biennium, Texas public community colleges received a 5% reduction followed several months later by a 2.5% reduction (7.5% reduction to state funding during the second year).

The Alvin Community College faculty and staff have been working diligently "to do more with less" and maintain high standards for our students in the classrooms and laboratories.

As students at Alvin Community College, you made a decision to attend ACC with different factors being a part of your decision making process. At the top of the list is quality faculty and college programs that meet your special needs.

Faculty and staff at Alvin Community College remain committed to you and your college program in the classroom, laboratory, library, learning lab, etc. Working together your college program will remain positive, and together we will solve the state funding deficit's impact on Alvin Community College.

Thank you for choosing Alvin Community College, keep up your hard work, and maintain your positive attitudes.



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