

Clackamas Community College cuts 20 jobs

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OREGON CITY -- Clackamas Community College laid off 20 full-time workers Thursday as it tries to reconcile its budget.

The job cuts represent about 5.5 percent of the community college's full-time workforce and will save the school about \$1.3 million.

The cuts don't reflect the impact on the school's 400 part-time faculty, who may get fewer classes to teach.

Like all public schools, the college will receive significantly less state funding for the next biennium, leaving a gap of \$13.2 million. All six full-time faculty cuts come from the drafting department, which is being discontinued, said Courtney Wilton, vice president of college services.

The school is working on figuring out how to help drafting students finish their studies, whether through a partnership with other community colleges or a transfer.

Twelve classified jobs and two management jobs also will go away.

Clackamas will continue its hiring freeze for an annual savings of \$800,000.

Since January, the college has identified more than \$6 million in savings by renegotiating contracts with employees, increasing tuition and various other efficiencies, according to a memo sent to staff.

The college board will adopt its budget in June.

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