

FY 2010 BUDGET REDUCTIONS - ISSUE DESCRIPTIONS

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE

Issue Description and Statement of Effects

Issue 1 - Continued reductions in maintenance of campus facilities and grounds will impact the cost of restoring them in providing a safe and secure environment for learning.

Issue 2 - Postponing the addition/replacement of critically needed faculty and staff to address the explosive enrollment growth will create the risk of burnout, reduced performance levels, and quality of services to students.

Issue 3 - The continued reduction in purchasing computers for student classrooms and labs and for staff use has extended the replacement period from four years to six years which makes it more difficult to keep these computers running and up to date on newer computer technology.

Issue 4 - The curtailment of replacing the technology network infrastructure will seriously impact the voice, data and video system since it is a converged network.

Issue 5 - Postponing indefinitely the addition of new workforce training programs which are costly to run, and limiting the level of support for community economic development initiatives.

Issue 6 - The impact of limiting travel will affect the continued professional development of our employees in carrying out their assigned responsibilities.

Issue 7 - The reduction to the libraries will be in the hours their open for students and in the number of books and periodicals purchased.

Issue 8 - Reducing the recruitment and outreach activities in our District will impact the number of students coming to the College.

Issue 9 - Any further cuts in the state appropriation may force the district to increase its tuition and fees to provide educational services to its communities.