

# University of Montana – Budget Committee Meeting: January 26, 2017

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- Structural changes of the committee
- President's State of the University Address
  - Comparison Slide – Student and Employee
  - Over 100 more employees today compared with Fall 2005's 1372 employees. There were 1183 more students in 2005 than Fall 2016
  - Budget based on 11,000 – enrollment projection is not targeted; budget is conservatively based on 11,000 headcount.
- Personnel expense continue to rise with no additional budget to fund the increase.
- How to address this knowing the enrollment has decreased. What is a proper, appropriate and sustainable employee level?
  - May not be able to reach within a year (hysteresis)?
  - What employee mix/budget do we need to have a sustainable institution at 11,000 headcount?
  - BOR wants to see that we are making an effort – they are willing to give time if they see that effort
- Meet weekly, in subgroups or as a whole, until April when a final recommendation is due to the President
- Work Groups:
  - Evaluate budget model and develop structural changes for improvement
  - Develop standards/benchmarks to be used in the allocation of resources
  - Establish a timeline and communication plan (with key deadlines) for the budget process
- Schedule:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday = formal Committee as a whole starting in March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday = subgroups working on assigned responsibilities
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday = informal report/feedback on subgroup progress and committee as a whole will meet
- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday = subgroups working on assigned responsibilities
- 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday = subgroups working on assigned responsibilities
- BOR has asked to see the budget recommendations in May instead of September for all MUS Institutions
- Subgroup Assignments:
  - Standards/Benchmarks Co-Chairs: Dean Chris Comer and Shannon O'Brien
    - David Patterson
    - John Whittenburg
    - Michelle Jensen
    - Chase Greenfield
    - Gloria Phillip
  - Model Development Co-Chairs: Hillary and Beckie
    - Tim Edwards
    - Scott Whittenburg
    - Tom Crady
    - Sam Forstag
  - Timeline/Communications Chair: Beckie Christiaens
    - Valerie Crepeau
    - Luke Alford
- May need to reschedule meeting time.
  - New doodle poll
- Budgetary controls for FY17 and FY18 – working on a draft letter and will share with committee.
- NEXT WEEK –
  - Workgroups – 2 sessions (First two weeks in February)

- Third Thursday for updates (February) as a full committee
- 2 sessions after updates (February into March)