



University Budget Committee Minutes

April 5, 2018

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1. Fiscal Year 2018 Final Update

Revenues: (See accompanying presentation.) Tuition was up about \$1 million, the state appropriation was down about \$600K, millage revenue was down about \$300K, financial aid allowance (federal money for administering financial aid) was up about \$30K, and investment earnings were down about \$42K. Overall, we've done pretty well this year. Things have fallen into place. There is high confidence that FY18 will balance without reductions taken during the year, the first time this has happened in a long time.

2. Summer Work

Refining FY19 – Bargaining units are coming to agreements and it looks like there will be a wage increase of 2% beginning 2/1/19 – we had built in 1%. There is also more information now about lecturers. Money for adjuncts will be held centrally and distributed based on need, rather than being allocated. There are some adjustments to make but there is confidence that we'll be okay, as long as enrollment targets are met.

4-Year Plan – We know more now than we did six months ago, so we can begin refining the 4-Year Plan.

3. President's Recommendations

(See presentation.) How the \$5 million base reduction affects the coming fiscal years. There will be no effect in FY19. In FY20 the base reduction will be approximately \$1.5 million, in FY21 it will be approximately \$2 million, and in FY22 it will be approximately \$1.4 million. This will roll into the 4-Year Plan.

4. Update on Legislative Process

Salary/FTE Snapshot – We report what we've budgeted for a position vs. what we're spending for a position. People move around and this is not simple to report, but we're not aligning as cleanly as we should. This will cause problems for us with the legislature, but it will help us clarify better for next time. Budget planners should put budget where they're

planning to spend – don't pool funds. Other schools around Montana are having the same problems. A lot of work is going into this.

Present Law Adjustments – Utilities will be going up, and we will put in requests for IT. Not optimistic that it will be funded.

LRBP – This will be submitted for the May Board of Regents meeting. The focus is on deferred maintenance and life safety issues, and the Phase I Music Building, which is really life safety and bringing up to code.

5. Other

Thanks to everyone for getting their FY19 budgets submitted!

The budget committee does not meet during the summer, so our next meeting will be in the fall.