

Budget Reduction Plan

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Big ideas. Real-world thinking.

Budget Reduction Plan

- Target and Tools
- Current Biennium Cuts
- The Process
- The Plan
- What's Next?

Target

Initial \$2.5 million target for FY22, FY23

- February forecast improved
- \$2 million target

Variables

- Tuition: ?
- Enrollment: ?
- Allocation: ?
- BESIs?

Tools

- Administration cuts
- Reassign time/duty days
- Adjuncts/fixed-terms
- Funding source/givebacks
- Departures/BESIs
- Cancelled searches
- Eliminate vacant positions
- Reorganization
- Retrenchment/Layoffs

Current Biennium Cuts

• FY20, FY21

- Eliminated 27 faculty positions
- Fixed-term hires
- Net -2 excluded administrators
 - \$350,000 savings
 - Administrative salaries frozen
- Investments in student support
- Classified positions flat or slightly increased
- \$2.8 million net reduction so far

The Process

Both Art and Science

- Council of Deans
- Shared governance
- Dashboards
- Overlays
- 42 listening meetings
- Result:
 - Broad based cuts
 - Long-term strategy

Today's Draft Plan

• "Final" plan in May

Adjustments throughout FY22, FY23

- Tuition
- Enrollment
- Departures/BESIs

Three categories of cuts

- Departures/Canceled Searches/Administration (34%)
- Funding Source Changes/Givebacks (34%)
- Reorganization (32%)

Departures/Canceled Searches/Administrative cuts (34%)

- Canceled searches, CoE, CSET, CoB
- Library, CAH departures, duty days, grad assistant
- \$150,000 in additional administration cuts (net -\$500k in FY21, FY22)
- Category/Running total: \$748,220

Funding Source Changes/Giveback (34%)

- Changed funding source for positions in AHN, CoE, and SBS away from base, both faculty lines and adjunct funds.
- Looking for more
- \$100,000 giveback from Academic Affairs summer allocation
- Category total: \$761,500
- Running total: \$1,509,720

Reorganization (32%)

Combine CAH, SBS into a new college, effective 7/1/2022

- *Sensible way to foster additional collaboration, interdisciplinary work in related fields AND cut the budget without major personnel changes
- Classified staffing reductions from vacancies, attrition, BESIs, possible layoffs
- Reduction in extra faculty duty days
- Eliminate vacant Development Officer position from Division of Advancement
- Additional savings in year two based on faculty/staff/student input
- Category total: \$679,951
- Running total: \$2,189,671

Reduction for FY22/FY23 (\$2.19 million)

- Minimized impact on current personnel
- Classified reduction via attrition, departures, BESIs, possibly layoffs
- No IFO retrenchment
- Requires continued hiring discipline in FY22, FY23
- Continue to seek administration efficiencies

Next Steps

- Requesting consultation on this plan
 - https://link.mnsu.edu/budgetplan
- Small group meetings, open forums
- Program meetings
- Reorganization conversations begin ASAP
- *Strategic Budget Planning next year