

THANKS to the support of legislators, business leaders, the Friends of Higher Education, and the Governor

Budget update as we understand it (as of March 3, 2009)

- Governor Huntsman and Legislative Leadership may have reached an agreement that will substantially limit this year's cuts to an additional 1.5% for higher education.
- This agreement would result in a net cut to higher education of 9% for FY 2010 (including the 4% cut in September) from the amount appropriated last March. This would be achieved by back-filling with one time money from the federal stimulus and other sources.
- The on-going base reduction would be 17 or 17.5% for the FY 2011 base budget.
- Our hope would be that economic recovery or use of other sources of one-time money in 2011 will prevent cuts beyond the 2010 level. (We recognize that the net cut for 2010 is a permanent base cut going forward).
- One time funds for USTAR, Engineering, Student Financial Aid, and infrastructure projects are still possible.

Higher Education Response:

- Limited tuition increases for 2009-2010 academic year – range from 4% to 11%.
- Maintain a commitment to keep our institutions available to all citizens.
- Commitment to help economic recovery.

Building Projects:

Support for an investment in our future is rather extraordinary compared to many states. We appreciate the Legislature's support to fund buildings at SLCC, U. of U., & SUU plus design money for DSC & UVU and two UCAT projects, a total of about \$106 million (\$65 million if UCAT is not included in Higher Ed total).

Remaining Legislative Priorities:

- H.B. 432 (Holdaway, K.) – *Higher Education Budget Authority* – authorizes presidents and the Board of Regents to reallocate defined appropriations between line items for specific fiscal years to balance institutional budgets with the least impact to services. Passed the House without any dissenting votes.
- SB 81/HB207 (Dayton/Holdaway) – *Concurrent Enrollment Amendments* – Each bill has passed one house. We support both passing to correct the funding formula and make other changes to strengthen concurrent enrollment
- HB 364 (Ipson) – *Border Student Amendments* – provides new tools for presidents to manage enrollment. Passed the House unanimously.
- Funding for student financial aid and operation and maintenance.

Remember the Impact of 19% Base Budget Cuts:

- Layoffs – Over the next two years, we would see over 1,500 jobs lost in higher education. This process is underway at all of our campuses as a result of current cuts.
- Class Sections – While enrollment is increasing significantly, we are busy reducing class sections, reducing student options, narrowing career options, and making higher education less available at different times of the day. We estimate over 2,400 classes would be eliminated.
- Enrollment Freezes – We are close to limiting enrollment officially at many of our campuses. It is just not possible to maintain quality while accepting over 12,000 more students this year alone.