

UBC 03/21/17

Start 3:30pm

Discussion on expenditures MSUB vs Peer institutions:

Using IPEDS peer data from 2014 and 2015.. In terms of overall instruction data we fall inline with other institutions. Question came up if we should look at increasing our instructional spending – considering our unique teaching situation.

With budget cuts- concern brought up, that we cannot continue to cut from instruction.

Legislative and BOR Update:

The \$5 million is on track for Yellowstone Hall.

Final budget cut is still undetermined. Tuition increase is still a topic, yet still to be determined for actual amounts.

BOR- proposing to create a chancellor's advisory council, with faculty feedback.

Seeing growth and positive feedback with dual enrollment and co-req (math and writing) courses. Was able to show the board that with the co-req courses, not only did more students pass, but also with higher grade levels. With this, a high budgetary impact is expected through retention and enrollment. Working with the registrar to figure out how to make this user friendly for students upon registration.

Classification structure of colleges within Montana was also brought up at BOR. MSU Billings, MSU Northern and Western were classified together into one category. We've been asked to review the draft language and give feedback. The big question is "why" are they asking for this type of classification. Possibly due to tuition classification.

Previously, state allocation was given to the 2 flagships, then given out to the remaining schools. Now allocation will be given to schools directly.

State appropriation will be based on 2017 allocation minus performance based funding. Chief fiscal officers and Budget Officers are meeting once a week to determine what the allocation will be. For us, this means we will have a hole in our budget.

Discussion regarding- does MSUB increase tuition? What would the options be if MSUB did not increase tuition?

With a tuition increase, it would be effective Fall 2017. How does this impact our incoming students, and students that have already applied for financial aid for the upcoming semester?

Next meeting: April 18th, 2017

End of Meeting 5:00pm