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February 4, 2021

To: Michele Gamburd

Presiding Officer, PSU Faculty Senate

From: Stephen Percy

President

Re: Invocation of Article 22 for Program Reduction in IELP

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Both the Provost and I appreciate that Article 22 of the CBA affords the explicit opportunity to consult in a transparent fashion with both AAUP and the Faculty Senate in a process to consider a significant program reduction in IELP.

Both the Provost and I look forwardto engaging in a collaborative and transparent decision-making process about the future of IELP. We understand that an early step in the process is making a presentation to the Faculty Senate. The Provost and I are ready to work with the Faculty Senate with regard to process elements of the Article 22 process as well as the timing and scheduling of notifications, meetings and dialogues.

We recognize that active participation with the Faculty Senate, the AAUP and the IELP program faculty is a critical component of exploring program reduction through the provisions of Article 22. A checklist of elements of the Article 22 program reduction process is included with this notification.

Please contact either the Provost or myself with any questions you may have.

January 18, 2021

President Percy,

I write today to recommend invocation of Article 22, Section 2(b) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for retrenchment of the Intensive English Language Program (IELP) at PSU. I do so being fully aware that invoking Article 22 is a serious matter that should not be undertaken casually or without deliberation and forethought.

Section 2(b) states:

"A condition requiring reduction or elimination of a department may be declared if the President finds that institutional operations within a reduced budget, or failure to reallocate funds, would result in a serious distortion of the academic or other essential programs and services of the University if retrenchment procedures were not implemented."

As was portrayed in the recent Finance & Administration Committee meeting of the PSU Board of Trustees, the current financial situation of the university, resulting from multi-year declines in enrollment, now compounded by the financial losses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, has created circumstances that require significant and continued reduction in university budgets. While the university has undertaken budget reductions in recent years, those reductions have been managed largely through non-replacement of retirements and departures, paring back program spending, and elimination of some positions. Such minimal and nonstrategic budget reductions are not sufficient to address the sustained declines that the university is experiencing and will continue to experience for the foreseeable future. Consequently, we need to consider more impactful reductions that meet the magnitude of the financial challenges the university is facing. The Faculty Senate recognized these conditions in its appointment in October of 2020 of an ad hoc committee on Academic Program Reduction and Curricular Adjustments.

This financial context brings me to recommend today a retrenchment of the IELP at PSU.

As you know, for a number of years, the Intensive English Language Program (IELP) at PSU has seen significant declines in enrollment due to declining enrollments of international students; the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly exacerbated this issue to the point that the program needs significant restructuring in order to create a sustainable budget. In response to declines in 2018, former Interim Provost Margaret Everett made reductions in staffing in NTTF faculty in IELP. I am attaching an MOA relating to these actions that was signed at that time between the University and AAUP.

When I arrived at PSU, I asked Ron Witczak, Executive Director for the Office of International Affairs, to serve as the administrative home for the IELP program and to seek formal approval from the Faculty Senate to merge their operations with the Office of International Affairs. The Faculty Senate approved that merger in March, 2020. Prior to and since that merger, the faculty and staff in IELP have been undertaking a process to review their budget to determine if there are opportunities to make adjustments that would bring the unit's expenses more in line with its revenues. I believe that the faculty and staff have undertaken those discussions in earnest; however, given the severe budget constraints of the university, the decreasing number of international students

seeking Intensive English Language instruction at PSU, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and changes in federal regulations, the time has come for me to formally request that you invoke article 22 of the AAUP contract in order to implement reductions in IELP.

Here are factors that have informed my recommendation:

IELP enrollments have dropped significantly over the past five years:

2016/17 - 19% decline from previous years' enrollment

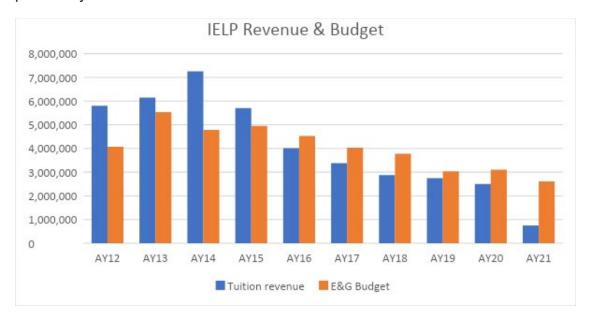
2017/18 - 20% decline from previous year

2018/19 - 1.7% decline from previous year

2019/20 - 7% decline from previous year

2020 Fall term - 78.8% decline from previous year; 52 students are now enrolled in IELP (which currently has 21 NTTF faculty)

Declines in tuition revenue have seen parallel decreases in the unit's overall budget; however, despite these decreases, the IELP budget has exceeded its revenues for the past five years.



As a result, the IELP's RCAT ratio has been higher than any other academic unit on campus. For fiscal year 20, the RCAT ratio shows that, for total expenditures per \$1 in revenue, the IELP spends \$1.48. This ratio for the IELP has been above 1.0 for a number of years prior.

Given these points above and the broader university budget context, I believe that the IELP needs to undertake a restructuring process to make the program financially sustainable.

I do not recommend elimination of the IELP program. International education remains a key component of PSU's academic enterprise. Supporting international students to pursue and complete degree programs at PSU benefits not only those students but the students with whom they interact. The PSU learning environment is enhanced by opportunities to further global learning. For students who are not yet prepared to enter directly into PSU classes, IELP provides an exceptional benefit and

opportunity to transition successfully into degree programs. The IELP faculty bring expertise that benefits PSU in multiple ways.

Consequently, I support the continued successful transition of IELP into OIA and its activities so that the unit can restructure the budget model of the IELP in such a way that will insure fiscal stability into the future, while also ensuring that the unit is able to generate sufficient revenue to cover its expenses.

Ron Witczak has been working with OIA; Julie Haun, IELP Director; and the IELP faculty to transition the work of the IELP into the OIA unit. This work has been going on since the summer of 2020. The IELP faculty has also been working diligently on a complete curricular redesign that will enhance the offerings of the IELP program moving forward.

As you are aware, the Office of Academic Affairs continues to work on a new budget model for the division. This new budget model will allow for viewing the IELP as a hybrid academic program that combines E&G and self-support revenues. We believe that the IELP can follow the successful model of the Education Abroad program, which transitioned into an entirely self-support program. Ron Witczak and the IELP have begun working with my finance team through Ron's participation on the Budget Model Working Group so as to explore how to manage the funding model of the IELP program to include an appropriate portion of the program to be self-support.

I have confidence that the proposed retrenchment of the IELP will allow Ron, the IELP leadership, and the entire OIA team to reorganize the operations of the IELP in ways that will benefit both IELP and the university long into the future.

If you concur with this recommendation, we will begin the requisite processes as outlined by the Faculty Senate and the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Sincerely,

Susan

Susan Jeffords Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Portland State University Portland, OR 97201

SIMPLIFLIED CHECKLIST OF ARTICLE 22 PROGRAM REDUCTION PROCESS

FORMAL NOTICE TO AAUP. Formal notice from the President to AAUP that the University's financial condition is such that a departmental reduction or elimination may be unavoidable. The notice must include an offer to schedule a meeting between AAUP and appropriate University officials to present and discuss the financial condition of the University leading to the need for program reduction or elimination.
FACULTY SENATE PRESENTATION. University administration presents to Faculty Senate a full description and analysis of the University's financial condition that has led to the need for program reduction or elimination. This can take place at a regular or special meeting of the Faculty Senate.
FIRST THIRTY DAY COMMENT PERIOD. President sets a deadline for submission of comments and recommendations. The deadline must be no sooner than thirty after the meeting with AAUP and the Faculty Senate presentation.
REQUIRED ACTIONS DURING FIRST COMMENT PERIOD. During the comment period, the President must give "thoughtful consideration" to the comments and recommendation received; the President or his designee must meet with the AAUP to hear and discuss their comments and recommendations upon request; and the President and the AAUP must both "facilitate" Faculty Senate consideration.
DECLARATION OF PROGRAM REDUCTION. After the first comment period ends, the President formally declares the existence of a condition requiring departmental reduction or elimination.
PROVISIONAL PLAN. Concurrent with the declaration or shortly thereafter, the University announces a provisional plan for department reduction or elimination. This plan must include tentative reductions to specific departments. The plan must also include a deadline for comments on the provisional plan of no less than thirty days (second comment period).
SECOND THIRTY COMMENT PERIOD. President will receive and consider comments and recommendations from the Faculty Senate, AAUP and the faculty of any department that is proposed for reduction or elimination. If the provisional plan would lay off more faculty than the departmental faculty recommend, then the President or his designee must meet with the departmental faculty for further discussion.
ANNOUNCE FINAL PLAN. At the conclusion of the second comment period, the President will announce a final plan and notify affected departments of the amounts and nature of reductions to be applied.

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I invite you to meet with Provost Jeffords, Interim Vice Provost Maddox, and/or Executive Director Ron Witczakto discuss the financial condition of the University and the specific circumstances leading to the need to reduce the IELP program. I encourage you to work with Provost Jeffords' assistant, Colette Yaspo, to schedule this meeting as soon as possible.

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Article 22 / IELP Timeline

March 15, 2021 Special Senate meeting

March 15, 2021 - April 16, 2021 30-day feedback period

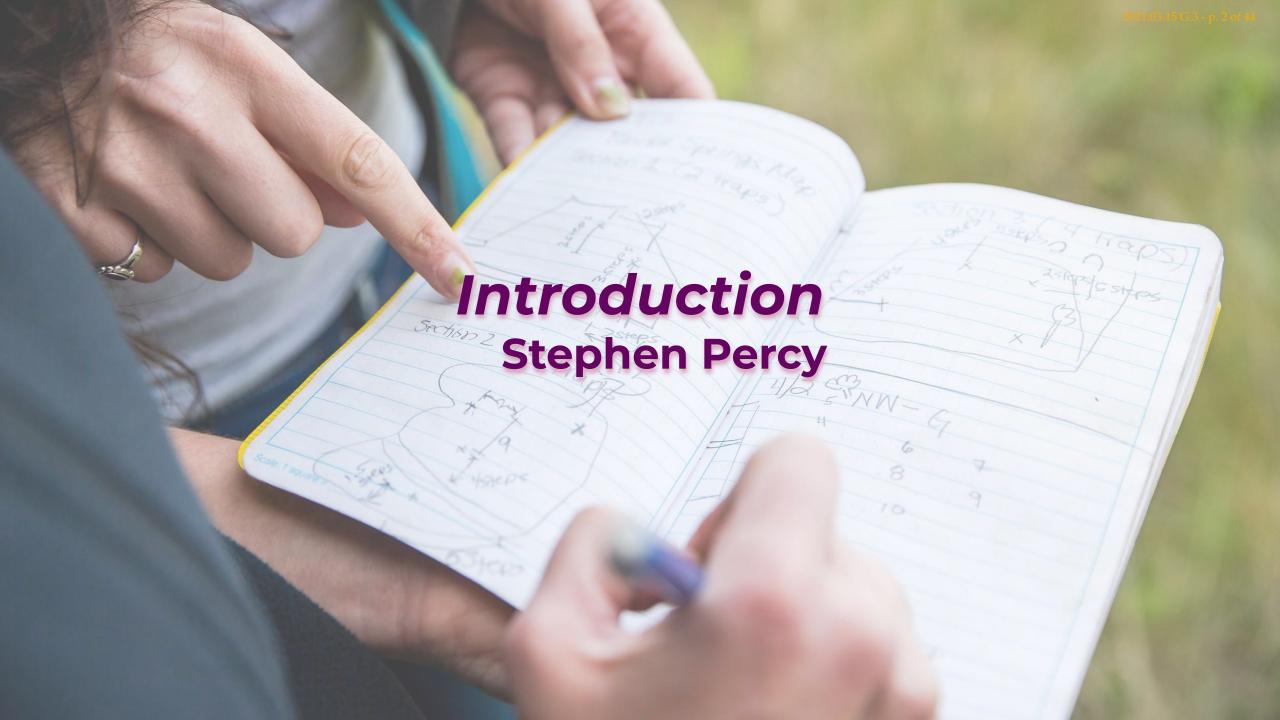
April 17, 2021 - May 2, 2021 Two-week period for feedback review

May 3, 2021 Provisional plan released

May 4, 2021 - June 4, 2021 30-day period for feedback

June 5, 2021 - June 13, 2021 Final period to review feedback

June 14, 2021 Decision released





February 22, 2021

<u>Ag</u>	<u>enda</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	
1.	Introduction	President Percy	
2.	Budget Update		
	a. Current Year Update	Andria Johnson and Kevin Reynolds	
	b. Enrollment Forecast	Chuck Knepfle	
	c. State and Federal Funding	Kevin Neely	
	d. Four-year General Fund Revenue and Expense Forecast	Kevin Reynolds	
3.	Strategy	President Percy	
4.	Summary of Tactics	President Percy	
5.	OAA Next Steps	Susan Jeffords	
6.	Budget Timeline & Upcoming Events	Andria Johnson	
7.	Q&A	Jason Podrabsky	
8.	Wrap Up	President Percy	

A Q&A Session will follow the presentation

If you are attending the zoom meeting, you can use the Q&A function to ask questions at any time.

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3. Current Year Budget Update

- So far, the largest financial impact of Covid-19 pandemic has been on lost revenue to our auxiliary enterprises (Housing, Parking and Transportation, the University Place Hotel, Athletics, Commercial real estate)
- Auxiliaries are using reserves and cutting costs to the fullest extent possible
- Current guidance The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) can be used to offset lost revenue
- Anticipate differing rates of recovery as we reopen campus in the Fall

	FY21		FY20	FY19	FY18
	Adopted	Q1			
(\$ in 000s)	Budget	Forecast	Actual	Actual	Actual
Auxiliary Revenue	\$76,660	\$68,681	\$89,925	\$101,872	\$99,061
Auxiliary Expenses*	\$83,286	\$70,649	\$83,759	\$95,306	\$90,829
Auxiliary Net	-\$6,626	-\$1,968	\$6,166	\$6,566	\$8,232

^{*}Does not include approximately \$11 million in depreciation each year FY21 Auxiliary expenses are offset by a use of \$7.6 million of Treasury reserves



3. Current Year Budget Update

Student Housing: A reduction from 1900 students to approximately 600 in Spring 2020.
 Currently, approximately 800 students in Housing

Fall Term Year \$ 4.5 million revenue loss

Winter Term \$ 3.0 million revenue loss

Spring Term \$ 2.7 million revenue loss estimate

 Transportation and Parking Services (400 vehicles per day- 3900 total parking stalls, Fall Survey showed Driving rate 9% for students and 6% for employees)

Oct-Dec \$1.7 million revenue loss

Jan-June \$4.1 million revenue loss estimate

- University Place Hotel estimated revenue loss of \$4.5 million (from a 5-year average revenue of \$5.3 million)
- Commercial Real Estate (16 leases modified and 4 abandoned)
 - March 2020-December 2021 \$1.4 million revenue impact



3. Current Year Budget Update

- Education and General Fund budget declined in FY 20-21 due to continued year over year enrollment declines
- Limited duration cost containment (Workshare, Leave without Pay, Hiring Freeze, Reduced Travel, Utilities) and historic underspend of budget indicates the use of \$11 million of E&G reserves will not be required this year

	FY21		FY20	FY19	FY18
\$ in 000s	Adopted Budget	Q1 Forecast	Actual	Actual	Actual
Net Tuition & Fees	\$203,121	\$202,361	\$212,638	\$219,575	\$217,946
Government Resources & Allocations	\$109,659	\$110,644	\$107,018	\$98,786	\$95,387
Gifts, Grants and Contracts	\$12,622	\$11,391	\$11,870	\$13,539	\$12,123
All Other	\$10,636	\$7,780	\$14,831	\$17,495	\$9,617
Total Revenue	\$336,038	\$332,176	\$352,833	\$349,394	\$335,073
Salaries & Wages	\$186,767	\$176,334	\$175,569	\$174,511	\$170,229
OPE (fringes)	\$96,468	\$88,553	\$90,072	\$84,297	\$83,305
Services & Supplies (net of transfers)	\$63,803	\$58,268	\$61,104	\$62,191	\$61,786
Total Expenses	\$347,038	\$323,155	\$326,745	\$320,999	\$315,320
Management Reserves	\$ -	\$6,232	\$8,651	\$10,634	\$10,925
Net	-\$11,000	\$2,789	\$10,958	\$17,761	\$8,828



Updated Enrollment Information

Thanks to the Faculty Senate and the rest of the university community for your support of Open for Fall, Open for All!

- Winter 2021 (as of 2/15/21)
 - Overall SCH down -8.3% (Undergrad -9.6%)
- Fall 2021 (FY22)
 - Applications for first-time (freshmen) students are down significantly with decreases ranging from -10% to -30%. In-state numbers are down more significantly than out-of-state.



- It is still very early in the transfer recruitment cycle but initial indicators show a decline more significant than what we are seeing for first-time students.
- We are modeling a projected decrease of -6.8% in new first-time and transfer students, and a -4.8% overall enrollment decline.
- Graduate recruitment has remained relatively stable and applications for fall 2021 are slightly ahead of last year.

Updated Enrollment Information

- Enrollment forecast for 2022
 - November: At the beginning of the application cycle, we modeled an overall -2.7% based on fall
 2020 4th week numbers and targeted new student enrollment from the Strategic Enrollment Plan
 - <u>January:</u> Updating the enrollment projections in the budget model results in a new forecast of a
 -4.8% overall enrollment decrease.
 - <u>February:</u> Current application data suggests enrollment could decline by 7%, although enrollment initiatives like Open for Fall, Open for All and additional targeted marketing have helped a bit with freshen application numbers. Marketing towards transfer students is planned for next month.

<u>Projections</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Overall FTE	17,746	17,355	16,831
New Transfers	2,644	2,511	1,905
New Freshmen	1,187	1,127	966



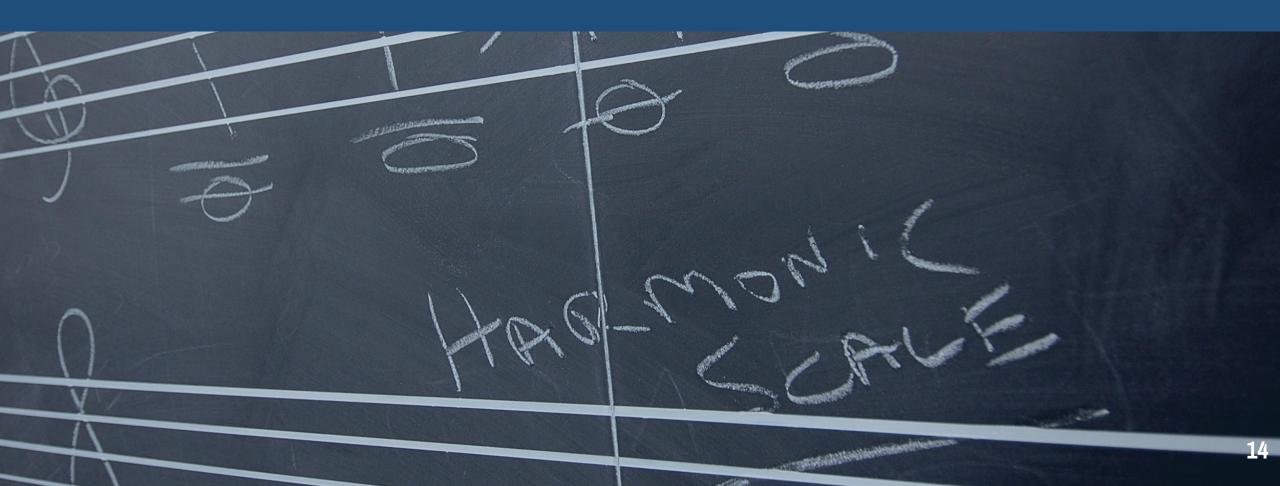
Five-year Enrollment Forecast (January update)



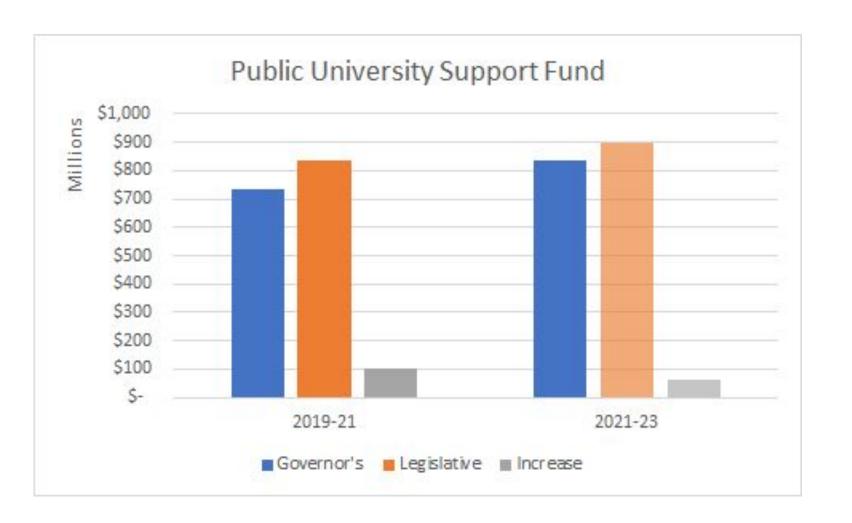
Five-year Enrollment Forecast (current application data)



State and Federal Funding Kevin Neely



Budget Town Hall



Governor's Recommended Budget (2021-23)

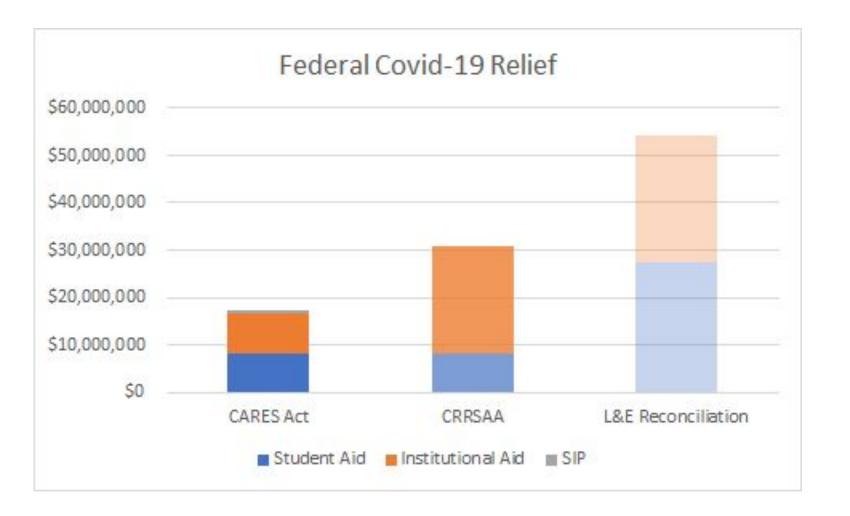
No increase:\$836.9 million

Legislative Budget (2021-23)

Universities' request:\$900 million

PSU Virtual Lobby Day Thursday, March 4

Budget Town Hall



Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

Funds already approved

- \$17,465,588 (May 2020)
- \$30,740,104 (Dec 2020)

Pending in Congress

• \$54,194,338

At least 50% of CARES Act funds are dedicated to direct student aid.

Federal Covid-19 Relief Funds

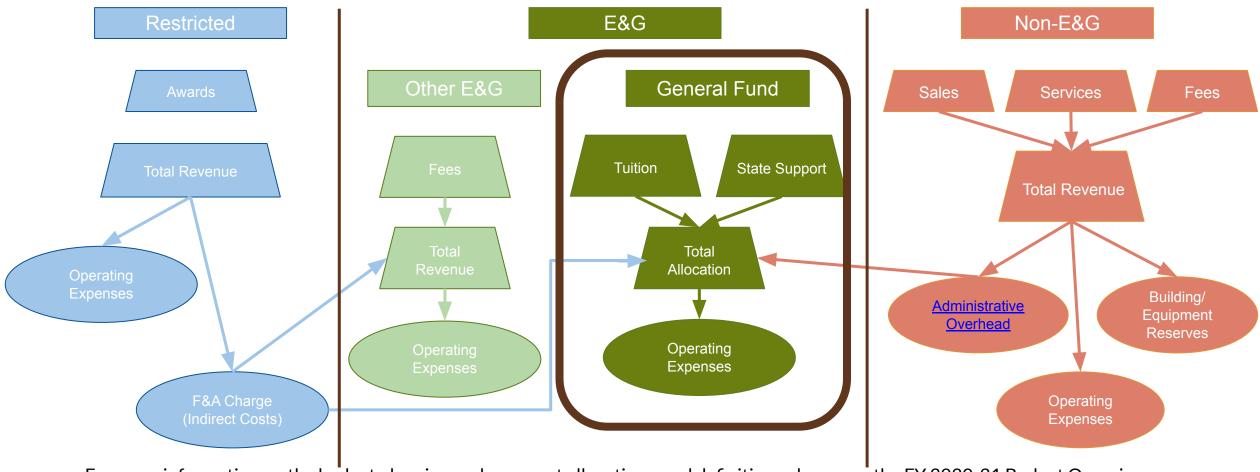
- Current guidance
 - One time, non-recurring funds
 - Funds must be used to offset revenue losses or COVID-19 related expenses
 - At least 50% must be used for direct student aid
- Additional guidance likely to be released
- Process
 - Executive Council with input from Faculty Senate Budget Committee and ASPSU
 - Share plan with Board of Trustees



Four year **General Fund** Revenue and Expense **Forecast Kevin Reynolds**



Operating Budget Flow



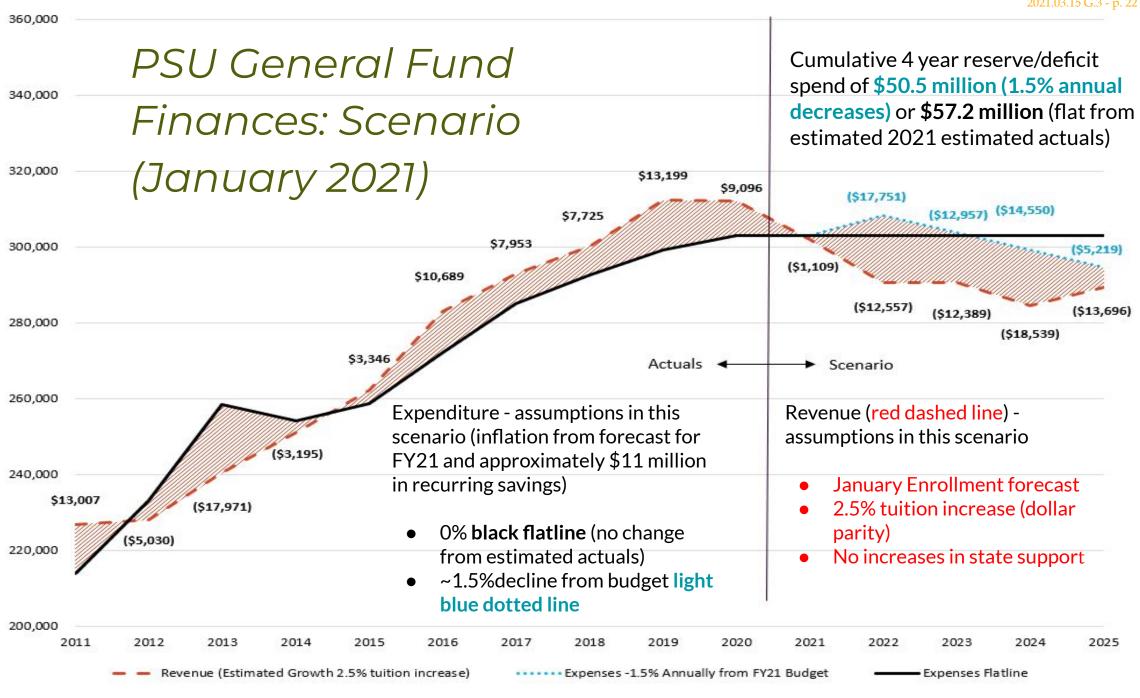
For more information on the budget planning cycle, current allocations and definitions please see the FY 2020-21 Budget Overview Book found here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BTe3AyPnXbxkMKPta4eot9dUUNs0li6c/view

Operating Budget Components

- As shown in the previous slide, the All Funds Operating budget consists of many types of revenue and expenses
- For Restricted, Non Education & General (Non-E&G), and Other E&G Funds, the rates charged and the revenue collected are controlled by the department charging the fee or generating the revenue
- Departments are responsible for monitoring the revenue and adjusting expenses based on available resources for Restricted, Non E&G and Other E&G Funds
- General Fund revenue is collected centrally and then allocated to each division (Academic Affairs, Finance & Administration, Information Technology, etc.) on an annual basis
- General Fund revenue is monitored centrally while General Fund expenses are monitored centrally, by divisions and by departments
- The Revenue and Expenditure Forecast and information presented on the next several slides focus solely on the General Fund - which is a subset of E&G Funds

Revenue and Expenditure Forecasts

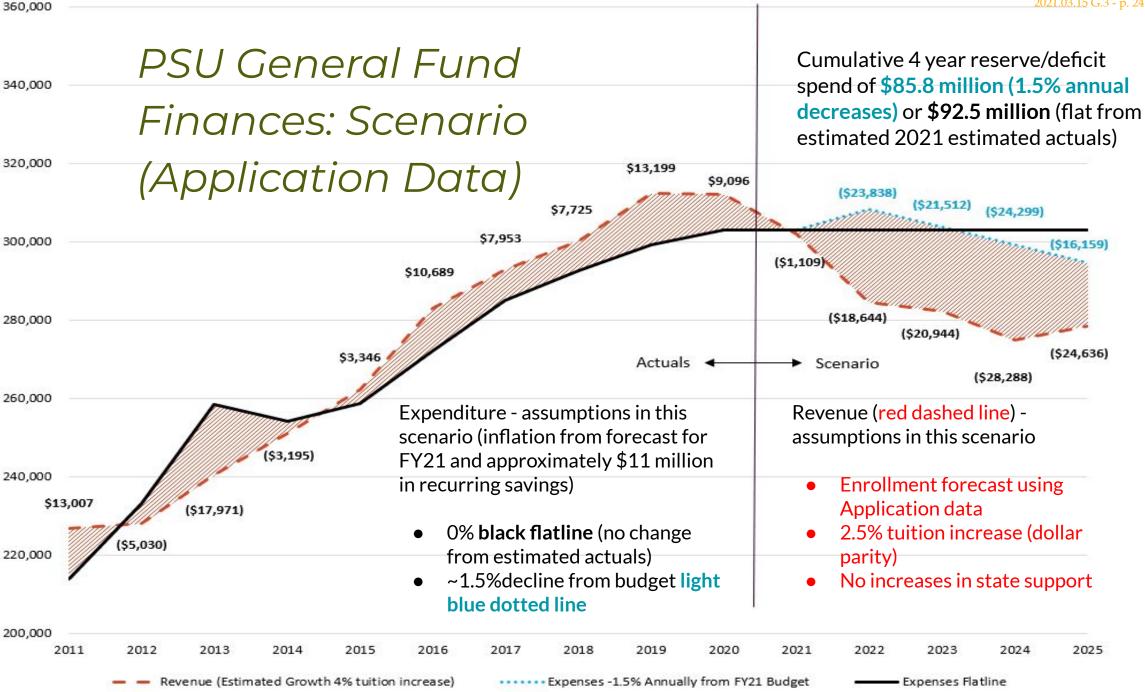
- Based on current information evolve as we learn more
- State Support Allocation
 - Final Biennial allocation to the Public University Support fund unknown
 - Change in funding formula increase in base support \$4.2 to 8.1 million
 - Impact of other funding formula changes and 3 year rolling average of activities components of the funding formula for all 7 Oregon Public Universities
- Net Tuition Revenue
 - Tuition rates not yet set
 - Covid-19 pandemic has added significant volatility to new and continuing student trends
 - Volatility introduces large changes in net revenue forecasts (\$6 Million difference between a 4.8% and 7% decline)
- Enrollment is almost certain to decline and all indications are that the general fund revenue will decline for the second year in a row
- Current Service Level (CSL) is estimated at 3%



FY 2021-22 Deficit Spending Matrix and preliminary guidance from Board of Trustees

	Approximate Undergraduate Resident Tuition Increase				
Approximate Budget Change	0%	2.5%	3.9%	4.9%	
-3% (~\$19M reduction from CSL)	\$14 to \$16 million	\$12 to \$14 million	\$10 to \$12 million	\$9 to \$11 million	
-1.5% (~\$13M reduction from CSL)	\$19 to \$21 million	\$16 to \$18 million	\$15 to \$17 million	\$14 to \$16 million	
Flat (~\$9M reduction from CSL)	\$24 to \$26 million	\$21 to \$23 million	\$20 to \$22 million	\$19 to \$21 million	
1.5% (~\$5M reduction from CSL)	\$28 to \$30 million	\$26 to \$28 million	\$24 to \$26 million	\$23 to \$25 million	
3% (CSL)	\$33 to \$35 million	\$30 to \$32 million	\$29 to \$31 million	\$28 to \$30 million	

Even with significant reductions, a combination of tuition increases and deficit spending (use of reserves) will be required for the FY 2021-22 General Fund budget.





Strategy Stephen Percy

Budget Goal

Implement a multi-year plan to achieve financial stability aligned with our core mission and values and responsive to the continuing evolution in higher education

Core University Values

- An abiding commitment to student learning
- Persistent effort to create social and economic mobility for every student
- Engaging actively with our community, carrying fourth our motto to Let Knowledge Serve the City
- Creating and disseminating knowledge, and empowering artistic expression, are key to making our community, our state, our world a better place
- An unmatched spirit of innovation

Presidential Strategic Priorities

- Acting on Equity and Racial Justice
- Maintaining a laser focus on student success and Students First
- Mobilizing engagement to strengthen our city

For additional details please visit:

www.pdx.edu/president/strategic-priorities

Tactics



Multi-Year Approach

- Use of reserves to allow for development and gradual implementation
- Active and persistent attention to enrollment
- Vigorous advocacy for state investment and other external support
- Pursuing opportunities for revenue growth
- Align resources, reduce expenditures, implement efficiencies
- Invest in promising opportunities

Year One

- A. Estimated use of \$18 million in reserves
- B. Use of one-time federal relief funds
- C. Possible limited tuition increase
- D. State budget advocacy
- E. Division level reductions approx. 1.5% cut from 2021 budget level

- 1. Continued use of reserves to bridge the gaps
 - The university has approximately \$100 million in Education & General (E&G) Fund Reserves
 - E&G reserves will be used as bridge funds in addition to changes over the next several years
 - Phased reduction avoids a larger immediate impact, allows for strategic reductions, and creates flexibility to adjust changes in enrollment and revenue

For more information on University Reserves, please see pages 21-24 of the Annual Financial Dashboard found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jEEbWHbHHKhgFrNYhVriFpFtCacMoKPS/view

- 2. Implement Strategic Enrollment Plans for undergraduate and graduate admission
 - Innovative programs such as Open for Fall, Open for All
 - Commitment to diverse student body

3. Advocacy for state and other resources

- 4. Pursue opportunities for revenue growth
 - Innovative ideas are welcome as is revenue sharing
 - Various campus units (e.g., OAI, CEPE, Graduate School) are engaged along with deans and academic units
 - Investing resources in areas with enrollment demand
 - Exploring expanded on-line offerings to reach new markets
 - Growing professional, executive non-credit offerings
 - Development of summer term as expanded learning opportunity

- 5. Align resources, reduce expenditures, implement efficiencies
 - Engage in efforts to reduce overall expenditures
 - Potential reduction of 6-10% of current E&G budget by 2025
 - Assess administrative and academic programs for fidelity to values and priorities
 - Evaluate institutional structure to optimize outcomes
 - Create limited resources to enable investment in promising opportunities

Processes

- OAA budget model Lead: Provost Susan Jeffords
- Academic program review
 - Lead: Academic Leadership Team
 - Input: Faculty Senate
- Support services review Lead: Kevin Reynolds, VP for Finance & Administration
- Comprehensive review of athletics
 - Lead: Outside consultant
 - Input: Athletics
- Reduce lease costs and physical footprint Lead: Kevin Reynolds

Guiding Principles

- Protect PSU's core values and priorities
- Treat our employees with care and respect by minimizing reductions to the extent possible, while providing supportive benefits and professional development
- Preserve and promote the ability to respond to student demand for academic programs aligned with career and life interests
- Embrace transparency and respect and adhere to all established policies, procedures and practices for shared governance
- Use data to inform decision-making
- Consider big ideas that can lead to substantial innovation and respond effectively to the changing environment of higher education



THE TIME IS NOW





Office of Academic Affairs

- 1. OAA Town Hall #1 March 9, 2021 TIME - TBD
- 2. OAA Town Hall #2 March 11, 2021 TIME - TBD



FY 2021-22 Outlook: Key Dates

January - March General Fund Scenario Planning

February 2021 Co-Chairs Budget for State Appropriations

February 2021 Budget Context and Initial Guidance

February - March FY22 Enrollment and Revenue Forecast Updated

April 2021 Tuition Proposal to Board of Trustees

April - June 2021 Budget Building

June 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget for Board Approval

June/July 2021 Final Budget for State Appropriations

Q&A

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