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Minnesota State Colleges & Universities

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In the 2001 session, the Minnesota legislature directed:

In each year the Board of Trustees shall increase the percentage of the total general fund expenditures for direct instruction and academic support, as reported in the federal Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). By February 15 of each year, the Board of Trustees shall report to the higher education finance committees of the legislature the percentage of total general fund expenditures spent on direct instruction and on academic support during the previous fiscal year by institution and for the system as a whole.

This letter serves as the Minnesota State Colleges and University (MnSCU) system report.

The federal Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) consolidates expenditures into seven primary categories: instruction, research, public service, institution support, academic support, student services (including scholarships and financial aid) and operations and maintenance of the physical plant. For this study, we have examined the instruction and academic support categories of expenditures.

IPEDS defines instruction as expenditures for the credit and non-credit activities of the instructional divisions of an institution and expenditures for departmental research and public service that are not separately budgeted. Academic support includes libraries, academic computing, academic administration and curriculum development.

Below is MnSCU's change in general fund instruction and academic support spending as a percentage of education and general expenditures between FY2001 and FY2002.

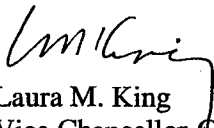
	FY2001	FY2002	Change
Instruction	48.4%	49.5%	1.1%
Academic Support	14.9%	14.2%	-0.7%
Total	63.3%	63.7%	0.4%

Minnesota's state colleges and universities experienced an increase in general fund instructional spending from 48.4% in FY2001 to 49.5% in FY2002, and a decrease in general fund academic support spending from 14.9% in FY2001 to 14.2% in FY2002. Total instruction and academic support spending for the system increased from 63.3% in FY2001 to 63.7% in FY2002. Institution level spending is shown on the attachment.

The distribution of the FY2002 expenditures resulted in increased percentages in instruction, decreased percentages in research, academic support and institution support, and same level percentages in public service, student services and physical plant.

The Office of the Chancellor remains committed to working with the institutions and the legislature to improve instructional spending.

Sincerely,


Laura M. King
Vice Chancellor-Chief Financial Officer

cc: James McCormick, Chancellor
MnSCU Board of Trustees

Attachment

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FY2002 General Fund Instruction and Academic Support Expenditures as a Percentage of Education and General Expenditures

Institution Name	Instruction as Percent of Total Expenditures	Academic Support as Percent of Total Expenditures	Instruction and Academic Support as Percent of Total Expenditures
Alexandria TC	55.2%	13.8%	68.9%
Anoka Hennepin TC	54.1%	13.7%	67.9%
Anoka Ramsey CC	51.0%	11.6%	62.6%
Bemidji SU	48.3%	9.8%	58.1%
Central Lakes College	50.3%	11.2%	61.5%
Century College	50.6%	15.7%	66.2%
Dakota County TC	54.2%	11.5%	65.7%
Fergus Falls CC	44.9%	16.5%	61.5%
Fond du Lac Tribal & CC	36.8%	25.3%	62.0%
Hennepin TC	53.1%	14.0%	67.0%
Hibbing College	53.7%	10.6%	64.4%
Inver Hills CC	50.5%	17.9%	68.4%
Lake Superior College	57.2%	10.3%	67.6%
Metropolitan SU	37.9%	20.6%	58.5%
Minneapolis College	53.3%	10.0%	63.3%
Minnesota SC - Southeast Technical	41.3%	12.3%	53.6%
Minnesota SU Moorhead	51.4%	13.5%	64.9%
Minnesota SU, Mankato	47.2%	19.4%	66.5%
Minnesota West College	49.4%	16.6%	66.0%
Normandale CC	52.9%	17.8%	70.6%
North Hennepin CC	48.0%	17.2%	65.2%
Northeast Higher Education District	47.1%	13.0%	60.2%
Itasca CC	48.6%	13.0%	61.6%
Mesabi Range College	50.9%	14.1%	65.0%
Rainy River CC	40.5%	12.3%	52.8%
Vermilion CC	43.7%	11.8%	55.4%
Northland College	49.7%	11.7%	61.4%
Northwest TC	54.5%	13.2%	67.7%
Pine TC	44.7%	18.5%	63.2%
Ridgewater College	53.6%	11.6%	65.2%
Riverland College	52.4%	9.4%	61.8%
Rochester College	47.9%	16.8%	64.7%
South Central TC	58.8%	12.9%	71.7%
Southwest SU*	39.6%	11.8%	51.3%
St. Cloud SU	55.5%	11.8%	67.3%
St. Cloud TC	56.2%	9.7%	65.9%
St. Paul College	57.1%	11.9%	69.0%
Winona SU	46.9%	16.3%	63.2%

SYSTEM TOTAL

49.5%

14.2%

63.7%

*In FY2002, Southwest SU had approximately \$4 million of expenditures in physical plant due to a fire. Without the impact of the fire, its percentages would have been 45.3% instruction and 13.5% academic support for a total of 58.8%.

MnSCU Finance Division

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