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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 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 Minnesota State College and Universities' change in general fund instruction and academic support spending as a percentage of education and general expenditures between FY2002 and FY2003.

	FY2002	FY2003	Change
Instruction	49.5%	49.4%	-0.1%
Academic Support	14.2%	14.3%	0.1%
Total	63.7%	63.7%	0.0%

Minnesota's state colleges and universities experienced a decrease in general fund instructional spending from 49.5% in FY2002 to 49.4% in FY2003, and an increase in general fund academic support spending from 14.2% in FY2002 to 14.3% in FY2003. Total instruction and academic support spending for the system remain unchanged between FY2002 and FY2003. Institution level spending is shown on the attachment.

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

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

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

FY2003 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 Technical College	53.8%	14.3%	68.1%
Anoka-Ramsey Community College	49.7%	12.6%	62.4%
Anoka Technical College	56.6%	10.0%	66.6%
Bemidji State University	47.2%	11.5%	58.7%
Central Lakes College	49.1%	13.3%	62.4%
Century College	50.1%	17.1%	67.3%
Dakota County Technical College	55.4%	10.2%	65.5%
Fergus Falls Community College	40.6%	18.6%	59.2%
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College	37.7%	25.1%	62.8%
Hennepin Technical College	50.6%	12.6%	63.2%
Hibbing Community College	53.8%	8.2%	61.9%
Inver Hills Community College	49.9%	18.2%	68.1%
Lake Superior College	56.7%	12.4%	69.0%
Metropolitan State University	36.3%	22.5%	58.8%
Minneapolis Community & Technical College	49.5%	10.6%	60.1%
Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical	44.1%	19.0%	63.2%
Minnesota State University Moorhead	53.2%	13.5%	66.7%
Minnesota State University, Mankato	48.5%	17.1%	65.6%
Minnesota West Community & Technical College	49.8%	15.7%	65.5%
Normandale Community College	51.9%	18.6%	70.5%
North Hennepin Community College	49.1%	16.3%	65.5%
Northeast Higher Education District	46.5%	13.3%	59.8%
Itasca Community College	46.7%	14.5%	61.1%
Mesabi Range Community & Technical College	50.6%	12.9%	63.5%
Rainy River Community College	40.4%	15.1%	55.4%
Vermilion Community College	42.9%	11.3%	54.2%
Northland Community & Technical College	48.3%	8.9%	57.3%
Northwest Technical College	54.8%	13.9%	68.7%
Pine Technical College	44.6%	17.0%	61.5%
Ridgewater College	54.1%	11.6%	65.7%
Riverland Community College	54.6%	10.4%	65.0%
Rochester Community & Technical College	48.7%	16.3%	65.0%
Saint Paul College	56.8%	11.3%	68.1%
South Central Technical College	60.7%	11.9%	72.6%
Southwest Minnesota State University	42.1%	13.6%	55.7%
St. Cloud State University	55.6%	12.0%	67.6%
St. Cloud Technical College	60.8%	10.2%	71.0%
Winona State University	44.8%	14.7%	59.5%

SYSTEM TOTAL **49.4%** **14.3%** **63.7%**

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