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GOVERNOR PROPOSES BUDGET CUTS, TAX INCREASE

Loss of stimulus dollars results in 4.1% cut for higher ed

Governor Quinn this week proposed a fiscal 2011 budget that cuts \$94 million from FY 10 higher education funding, the result of losing \$1.3 million federal stimulus funds, while the K-12 system would lose \$1.3 billion.



In an attempt to obviate the deep cuts, Quinn proposed an income tax surcharge of 1% to raise an additional \$2.8 billion annually for education.

Hightman applauds MAP funding in fiscal 2011 budget plan

Carrie J. Hightman, IBHE Chairwoman, commended Governor Quinn for sustaining funding for the need-based Monetary Award Program in his FY 2011 budget. "We commend the Governor for making college affordability a high priority in his higher education budget," Hightman said.

In remarks to a legislative breakfast reception sponsored by the Higher Education Legislative Coalition, the Chairwoman said that the budget cuts proposed for higher education were modest in comparison to other agencies and the K-12 system. However, she also noted that colleges and universities and student financial aid had endured cuts for most of the past decade.

Higher education budget highlights

In fiscal years 2009 and 2010, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided over \$2 billion in federal stimulus dollars to protect the State's investment in education. With the loss of ARRA funds in FY 2011, the Governor's budget includes a \$1.2 billion reduction for P-12 education and a \$94 million reduction for higher education. The **\$94 million reduction for higher education operations and grants** most closely reflects Step 1 of the IBHE FY 2011 budget recommendations included by the Board to demonstrate the effects of not replacing ARRA funding, although the Board did not recommend this level.

- Public Universities are cut by \$87.0 million due to loss of ARRA. This reduction reflects a 6.2 percent across-the-board cut which reduces the total (aggregate) appropriation for public universities to the FY 06 level. Individual universities may be above or below their FY 06 appropriation level as a result of the across-the-board approach.

UPCOMING

March

- 16 Community College Presidents Council, Lincoln Land Community College
- 19 Illinois Community College Trustees Association, Oak Brook
- 19 IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, UIUC
- 20 Joint ICCB-SAC and IBHE-SAC meeting, Oak Brook
- 26 ICCB Meeting, Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield
- 26 ISAC Meeting, Illinois State University, Normal
- 27-28 IBHE-SAC meeting, Illinois State University

April

- 6 IBHE Meeting, Harold Washington College, Chicago

- Community College Base Operating Grants are cut \$6.9 million due to loss of ARRA.
- ISAC: Funding for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) increases by \$5.4 million. The increase is funded through reallocation of funds from the Silas Purnell Illinois Incentive for Access Grant Program and Nursing Scholarships.
- IBHE grants, the Illinois Math & Science Academy, the University Center of Lake County, Adult Education and Postsecondary Career and Technical Education, and higher education agency operations all remain flat at the fiscal year 2010 appropriation level.

Governor Quinn's [FY 2011 Capital Budget](#) proposal provides more than \$395 million in new appropriations for higher education capital projects. The Governor's budget includes \$310 million in capital renewal funding needed to address deferred maintenance. This includes \$215.9 million for public universities and \$94.1 million for community colleges.

BUDGET BOOK

[Higher ed strategic initiatives and priorities](#)

Turn to chapter 5, page 9 of the FY2011 Budget Book for details of Governor Quinn's budget priorities for higher education. First on the list:

- **Increase college completion rate.**

Governor Quinn has committed the state to increasing the number of Illinois college graduates through participation in a college completion initiative sponsored by Complete College America (CCA). CCA is a national nonprofit higher education group that is working with states to achieve President Obama's goal of the United States once again having the highest proportion of college graduates in the world. Working with faculty, employers, and college and university leaders, Illinois will develop college completion benchmarks, goals and plans. The initiative supports the *Illinois Public Agenda's* goals of increasing educational attainment and addressing workforce and economic development needs.

Other priorities include:

- **Improve School Leadership**
- **Invest in students**
- **Increase success of students at each stage of the P-20 educational pipeline**
- **Ensure college affordability**
- **Improve transitions along the educational pipeline**
- **Increase the number of postsecondary degrees**

Campus leaders react to budget

[Tough year at WIU](#)

Al Goldfarb, president of WIU, said: "In his public address March 10, Gov. Pat Quinn recommended a FY2011 General Revenue Funds budget of \$56.2 million for Western Illinois University, which would result in a \$3.7 million decrease from Western's FY2010 appropriations. While legislative hearings will have to be held and the legislature must still pass a budget, it is clear we are facing a difficult fiscal year."

[U of I chair Chris Kennedy questions commitment to higher ed](#)

The chairman of the University of Illinois' board of trustees says the state budget unveiled by Gov. Pat Quinn calls into question Illinois' commitment to higher education.

[Another challenging year at NIU](#)

John Peters, president of NIU, said: "The budget proposal set forth by Gov. Quinn today foreshadows another difficult and challenging year for higher education in Illinois."

[President Bowman at ISU describes budget-saving steps](#)

"In addition to the lack of state funding, it is the unpredictability of cash flow from the state that causes our most formidable budget challenges," Bowman said. "Given the current scenario, Illinois State will continue to plan carefully and spend very cautiously. Our non-faculty hiring freeze will remain in place, and many construction and maintenance initiatives will be slowed or stalled. I will also continue discussions with our financial officers and shared governance leaders about what the budget proposal might mean for 2010-2011 tuition recommendations."

[Poshard: Budget outcome could be disastrous for SIU](#)

"We're looking at an extremely dire situation that may include layoffs or furloughs in the next fiscal year," Poshard said. "The call for a 1 percent temporary tax was the only thing in his address today that would offset that."

[Comments being accepted on draft Common Core State Standards](#)

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) has released the first official public draft of the K-12 standards as part of the Common Core State Standards Initiative, a process being led by governors and chief state school officers in 51 states, territories, and the District of Columbia. These draft standards, developed together with teachers, school administrators, and experts, seek to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare students for college and the workforce.

The NGA Center and CCSSO have received feedback from national organizations representing, among others, teachers, postsecondary education (including community colleges), civil rights groups, English language learners, and students with disabilities. The NGA Center and CCSSO encourage those interested in the standards to provide further feedback by Friday, April 2, 2010.



Higher ed bills emerge as House passes committee deadlines

The House Higher Education Committee sent several bills to the floor on Wednesday, as the deadline for passing bills from committees approached. Approved were:

- [HB 4608](#), Rep. David Reis, to elect the U of I board of trustees.
- [HB 5824](#), Rep. Mike Bost, to permit a veteran entitled to a State of Illinois veteran's grant, which waives tuition and fees at public universities, to pass the entitlement to one member of his/her immediate family.
- [HB 6092](#), Rep. Kevin McCarthy, to direct the IBHE to seek and distribute grants to a consortium of private colleges and universities to assist in the collection of data under the requirements of the P-20 Longitudinal Data System Act.
- [HR 918](#), Rep. Bob Pritchard, to establish within IBHE, a Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education Mandates to study state mandates on public universities and issue a report and recommendations.
- [HR 955](#), Rep. Chapin Rose, to direct IBHE to implement a rural campus designation program under federal guidelines.

[Grant application packet is available for Independent Colleges Capital Program \(ICCAP\)](#)

The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) has released the Fiscal Year 2010 application materials for the Independent Colleges Capital Program (ICCAP), a part of the Illinois Jobs Now! capital program. ICCAP is a formula-based grant program created to provide independent colleges with financial assistance for capital projects (Public Act 96-37, Sec 25). The program is funded with an appropriation of \$300 million in Build Illinois bond proceeds (Public Act 96-35). The application deadline is April 15, 2010.

[Illinois host for national conference of adult education professionals](#)

Illinois will host the 2010 national conference of the Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) and ProLiteracy. This conference will take place in Chicago at the Hilton Hotel on March 15 - 19, 2010. More than 1,400 Adult Education professionals from across the country will attend this first ever joint conference that will feature 300 breakout sessions. Scott Simon from National Public Radio is the opening general session speaker and Rebecca Carson, the newly appointed Obama administration official in Chicago, will address immigration issues.

People in the News

Northern Illinois University President [John G. Peters](#) was honored with the NASPA President's Award at the annual awards luncheon held during the 2010 NASPA Annual Conference. NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education – is the leading voice for student affairs administration, policy and practice. "NASPA is pleased to recognize dedicated leaders like John Peters, who truly see higher education administration as a calling," said NASPA Executive Director Gwendolyn Jordan Dungy. "His vision for and stewardship of Northern Illinois University over the past decade, particularly during the tragic shooting incident in 2008, have brought the students, faculty and local community together to achieve impressive goals."

National-Louis University's Board of Trustees announced the appointment of [Dr. Nivine Megahed](#) as the 11th president in the Chicago-based institution's 124-year history. Dr. Megahed, president of Kendall College in Chicago since 2006, has served as president of both IMPAC University and the University of Sarasota in Florida as well as group vice president for Education Management and Kaplan, where she was responsible for 12 to 25 campuses with up to 15,000 students. She was campus dean at the American School of Professional Psychology in Hawaii and a faculty member at the Georgia School of Professional Psychology. Egyptian by birth, she grew up in New York State and has a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Rochester.

[Terri Weaver](#), the Ellen and Robert Kapito Professor in Nursing Science and chair of biobehavioral and health sciences at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, has been named dean of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing.

DePaul University has elected a distinguished alumna, [Anne R. Pramaggiore](#), president and chief operating officer of Commonwealth Edison, to its board of trustees

Campus News

[SIU Cancer Institute receives national Library of Medicine grant](#)

The National Library of Medicine has awarded a \$36,000 grant to SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute (SCCI) at SIU School of Medicine in Springfield. The grant will be used to develop online resources about cancer prevention, education and awareness to consumers.

[MRI research at UIC gets \\$3 million federal grant](#)

University of Illinois at Chicago researchers have been awarded a highly competitive National Institutes of Health grant from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to develop a state-of-the-art 3-tesla magnetic resonance imaging facility dedicated to research.

News from Higher Education

[Taking the state out of state colleges](#)

(Stateline.org)

In Michigan, where many enterprises are struggling to survive, the renowned University of Michigan is in the midst of a construction boom and hiring spree. Michigan State University, on the other hand, plans to lay off faculty and cut programs, blaming state funding that is lower than it was a decade ago.

[Many nations passing U.S. in education, expert says](#)

(The New York Times)

One of the world's foremost experts on comparing national school systems told lawmakers on Tuesday that many other countries were surpassing the United States in educational attainment, including Canada, where he said 15-year-old students were, on average, more than one school year ahead of American 15-year-olds.

[Moving to scale](#)

(Inside Higher Ed)

PHOENIX -- For colleges to succeed at graduating more students, institutions will have to embrace "transformational change," and if they do, they may get some help from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. That was the message from Hilary Pennington, who directs the foundation's efforts in higher education, in a talk Monday to college presidents gathered at the annual meeting here of the American Council on Education.

[Salaries fell for 32.6% of faculty](#)

(Inside Higher Ed)

The median salary change for faculty members in 2009-10 was 0 percent -- and for many professors, no change would have been better than the decreases they experienced. The figures on faculty salaries come from the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources, which released its annual report on faculty salaries.

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