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The 2016 legislative session, similar to the 2015 legislative session, commenced with falling oil prices and diminishing state revenues. The Consensus Revenue Estimate predicted $293 million of “new money” in August, and $232 million of “new money” in December. The Consensus Revenue group released a new estimate that reduced the “new money” to $30 million. The Severance Tax Bonds are estimated at $140 million, and the General Obligation Bond is estimated at $187 million. The House Appropriations and Finance Committee continues to deliberate how to pay for the State’s obligations to Medicaid, Special Education MOE, and other “must fund” programs. We anticipate the release of House Bill 2 this week. The following summarizes how UNM fared in the DFA and LFC budget recommendations for FY 17:

DFA – Department of Finance and Administration – Executive

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY 16 operating base:
  - Main Campus, $192,919,000, a $1,872,300 increase or 0.98%
  - Medical School, $62,331,600, no increase recommended
  - Branch Campuses
    - Gallup, $9,337,800, a $15,500 increase or 0.2%
    - Los Alamos, $1,889,100, a $3,100 increase or 0.2%
    - Taos, $3,614,600, a $69,700 increase or 2.0%
    - Valencia, $5,623,400, a $27,500 increase or 0.5%
- Research and Public Service Projects
  - Main Campus, $9,816,000, a decrease of 0.2%
  - Health Science Center, $33,875,000, a $250,000 increase or 0.7%
  - Branch Campuses, no reductions

LFC – Legislative Finance Committee

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY 16 operating base:
  - Main Campus, $193,136,300, a $2,106,600 increase or 1.1%
  - Medical School, $62,136,300, no increase recommended
  - Branch Campuses
    - Gallup, $9,356,400, a $34,100 increase or 0.4%
    - Los Alamos, $1,894,100, a $8,100 increase or 0.4%
    - Taos, $3,616,500 a $71,200 increase or 2.0%
    - Valencia, $5,636,300 a $40,400 increase or 0.7%
- Research and Public Service Projects
  - Main Campus, $9,729,500, a -1.1% decrease
  - Health Sciences Center, $34,487,600, a 2.7% increase
  - Branch Campuses, no reduction

Lottery Scholarship:
- There are some pieces of legislation that have been introduced, however, none of these bills increase the revenue to the Lottery Scholarship nor do they change the eligibility requirements.

Compensation
- With likelihood of dwindling state revenues, the Legislative Finance Committee’s $70 million compensation package could be the first casualty of the upcoming state revenue projections. The Executive recommended targeted pay raises for “hard to fill” positions like social workers, IT employees, and correctional guards.
SB 122, General Obligations Bonds, Senator Carlos Cisneros:

UNM – Physics and Astronomy Interdisciplinary Science Building $27,000,000
UNM GALLUP – Physical Plant $1,500,000
UNM LOS ALAMOS – Infrastructure $500,000
UNM TAOS – Career Technical Center $4,000,000
UNM VALENCIA – Infrastructure $1,500,000
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TOTAL $34,500,000

Proposed Legislation of Interest.

- Please visit the Office of Government Relations website at [http://govrel.unm.edu/](http://govrel.unm.edu/), and click on 2016 Legislative Session for a list of all bills that impact UNM. For daily legislative updates, please sign up to join our listserv for updates.

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