Office of Government and Community Relations

55th Legislature, 1st Session
UNM Briefing

January 28, 2021
A Session Like No Other
NM State Legislature

- State Legislators = 112
  - 23 new (12 House; 11 Senate)
- Biennial Legislature
  - 60 day First Regular Session (odd years)
  - 55th Legislature; 1st Session
- House and Senate Leadership Changes
UNM’s public policy voice integrates the best of four worlds:

- Only Research-1 university in the state
- Only academic health center in the state
  - also, NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center designation
- 4 branch community colleges
- MSI/MI/HSI status

Only a handful of institutions nationwide maintain this combination of credentials
I&G Funding

- Advocate for increase
- Funding for instruction, academic support, student services, and related expenses
- Main source of state funding
- Calculated by the funding formula
- Legislative branch vs executive branch recommendations
- HSC parity
After this process, the funding amount set aside for each outcome measure is then distributed amongst all the NM higher education institutions based upon the performance of each institution.
STATE I&G FUNDING THROUGH THE FORMULA: ONLY A PIECE OF ALL HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

Potential Higher Education Revenue Sources

State I&G Funding through Funding Formula

20 – 80% of an Institution’s Budget

State I&G Appropriations

Protected I&G Funding

Outcomes Funding
Compensation (increased salaries)

- Requesting funding for increased compensation for faculty and staff
- Formula
- Unfunded mandate?
Research & Public Service Projects (RPSPs)

- Much discussion about need to reform RPSPs
- No new RPSPs recommended
- State agencies located within UNM
- Much support for UNM RPSPs:
  - OMI
  - NMPDIC
  - UNMCCC
Capital Outlay

- STB
- Each Senator
- Each Representative
- Governor Lujan Grisham
Pertinent Bills related to UNM

- Last 60 day session
  - 1633 bills introduced
  - 281 signed by the Governor
  - 356 piece of legislation tracked by UNM
  - 59 direct impact on UNM (Positive and Negative)
    - 31 signed into law
    - Submitted 128 FIRs
- On track this year
  - Bills related to our priorities
  - Bills with impact on UNM
Executive Recommendation for I&G and RPSPs

- The vast majority of money in the Executive Budget Recommendation is applied toward the Opportunity Scholarship.
- The Governor is recommending a $28.9 million increase in general fund spending to the higher education sector above FY21 funding levels.
  - $21 million for the Opportunity Scholarship.
  - $7.9 million split between all institutional I&G; this represents a 1.03% increase to institutions’ budgets.

- The Executive budget recommendation does not reverse the Federal CARES swap.
- The Executive Budget Recommendation reduces all I&G funding for UNM by 2% and all RPSPs by 4% from the FY21 Special Session.
LFC recommendation restores $20 million in general fund revenues swapped with federal funds (done as a solvency measure during the first special legislative session in June, 2020)

Overall, the FY22 recommendation is a 2.6% increase from FY21 spending levels for higher education approved after solvency measures.

The Legislative Finance Committee budget recommendation provides a modest increase in I&G funding of 0.5% and reduces all RPSPs by 3% from the FY21 Special Session.
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Advocating for UNM

- Gov Rel Team
- Represents UNM President’s office in legislative affairs (central, HSC, branch campuses)
- Activating faculty, staff, student groups
- FIRs
Briefings and Updates

- Daily UNM News Minute to Legislators
- Join GOVREL-L: Daily blog to [GovRel listserv](#)
- Weekly briefing to President Stokes’ Leadership Team
- Bi-weekly (then weekly) Briefings to faculty, staff, students (contact mmunoz67@unm.edu)
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- Joe Thompson, contract lobbyist
Thank You