Proposed Revisions to Minnesota State's Allocation Framework

Allocation Framework Redesign

Allocation Component	Current Practice	Proposed Practice	Rationale for Change
Instruction and Academic Support	 Compares direct instructional and academic support spending by program and by level of instruction to allow for mission differentiation and to recognize differences in program costs Calculates a 20% band around the system average by program and rewards those below the band and penalizes those above the band Calculates a three-year average of results to determine allocation Does not recognize library expenses in the academic support category (see libraries below) 	 Calculates a two-year rather than three-year average Recognizes actual library spending rather than calculating a value based on a set percentage Eliminates the separate library component and incorporates library spending in academic support, its correct IPEDS classification Retains the current practice of comparing instructional and academic support costs 	 Increases responsiveness to changing conditions by using a two-year average Acknowledges mission differentiation by recognizing actual library expenses Simplifies the framework by eliminating a separate component for libraries and recognizing these expenses in the correct IPEDS category (academic support)
Student Services and Institutional Support	 Provides a base amount and a variable amount based on FYE enrollment for both colleges and universities, using a national regression analysis Provides additional funding for institutions with more than one campus Calculates a three year average of results to determine allocation 	 Uses headcount, not FYE, to calculate the student services variables Gives additional weight to underrepresented students Uses a two-year rather than three-year average Retains national regression analysis, multi-campus recognition, and FYE use in the institutional support calculation 	 Acknowledges that headcount is a better measure of demand for student services than FYE Recognizes that underrepresented students need more support than more traditional students Increases responsiveness to changing conditions by using a two-year average

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Facilities	 Recognizes operation and maintenance cost on a square footage basis using most recent square footage data Recognizes repair and replacement costs on a square footage basis using square footage data from the prior year Recognizes utility spending using a three year average Recognizes student headcount, residential beds, central stream plants, and multiple campuses in the calculation 	 Freezes square footage used in the calculation of the facilities component, using only one year of square footage data, not two Calculates a combined amount for operations, maintenance, repair and replacement Eliminates recognition of utility spending, headcount, residential beds, and central steam plants in the calculation of the facilities allocation Retains multi-campus recognition 	 Allows the campus to keep savings from reducing square footage Simplifies the allocation framework by eliminating several components that drive small dollar amounts
Libraries	Recognizes library activity based on established percentages (3.5% for colleges and 6% for universities)	Recognizes actual library expenses in academic support	 Acknowledges mission differentiation by recognizing actual library expenses Simplifies the framework by eliminating a separate component for libraries and recognizing these expenses in the correct IPEDS category (academic support) Does not over-allocate resources based on percentages not supported by actual costs
Research and Public Service	Recognizes research and public service activity based on established percentages (1.17% for colleges and 2.62% for universities)	 Recognizes actual research and public service expenses Retains a separate research and public service component 	 Supports mission differentiation through recognition of actual costs Does not over-allocate resources based on percentages not supported by actual costs

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Revenue Buydown The allocation framework allocates only state appropriation, not tuition or other general fund revenues. For this reason, a revenue buydown calculation is used to recognize only state appropriation expenditures in the instructional cost comparison and in other framework components.	 Calculates a percentage by dividing general fund revenue (excluding state appropriation) by total general fund expenses Uses the calculated percentage in all components to recognize only state appropriation expenses The lower the percentage of the revenue buydown, the more expenses are recognized and, all else being equal, the larger the allocation of state appropriation 	 Calculates a percentage by dividing general fund revenue (excluding state appropriation) by total general fund revenue Continues the use of the revenue buydown calculation in the framework 	Eliminates the impact of spending decisions, including the use of fund balance, from the revenue buydown calculation
Enrollment adjustment	 Reallocates dollars away from colleges and universities with higher non-resident/non- reciprocity (NR/NR) enrollment to those with lower NR/NR enrollment to reflect statutory language that has since been repealed 	Eliminates the enrollment adjustment for non- resident/non-reciprocity students	 Recognizes the repeal of statutory language that this component was originally intended to address Simplifies the allocation framework by eliminating this outdated component
50/50 (smoothing)	Allocates state appropriation based on 50% of the prior year's percent share allocation and 50% based on the results of the current year in order to provide some level of stability and predictability	No change	Aids in providing a smooth transition to the new model by allocating half of allocation on the current model and half on the new model

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Student Success (Outcome)	No recognition of student success outcomes	 Calculates expected persistence and completion rates for colleges and universities based on the student population they serve Expected rates recognize differences in student characteristics at our colleges and universities that impact student success and are adjusted as the characteristics change Colleges and universities with actual rates that exceed a band around their expected rates (margin of error) receive a student success allocation Colleges and universities that report improvement in their actual rates receive a student success allocation Approximately 1-2% of appropriation to be allocated through this component initially 	 Rewards student success rates that exceed expectations Rewards improvement in student success rates Focuses attention on the strategic goal of improving student success

Concurrent Enrollment Recognition in the Allocation Framework

Component	Current Practice	Proposed Practice	Rationale for Change
Student Services and Institutional Support	Treats concurrent enrollment FYE like any other FYE in the calculation for both student services and institutional support	 Weighs concurrently enrolled student headcount at 0.75 in FY2018 in the student service calculation Conducts analysis to determine additional adjustments to weighting for concurrent enrollment students in future years Does not change the treatment of concurrent FYE in the calculation for institutional support 	 Recognizes the cost of student services for concurrently enrolled students is lower than other students Acknowledges that additional research and analysis of actual costs is needed and additional adjustments may be made in the future
Instruction and Academic Support	Compares concurrent courses to other courses in the same Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code taught by Minnesota State faculty (lower division level)	 Compares concurrent courses to other concurrent courses in the same CIP (new level of instruction recognized) Requires coding changes that will be implemented in FY2018 and will impact the FY2020 allocation framework May require an additional implementation strategy for certain colleges and universities 	Recognizes the cost to our colleges and universities of delivering instruction to concurrently enrolled students is lower than other students who are taught by Minnesota State faculty
Facilities	Treats concurrent headcount like any other student in the module	Headcount will no longer be used in the facilities module; there will be no recognition of concurrent or any other student in the module	Eliminates the recognition of students who are not on campus

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