

## **The State's Strategic Investment in Supporting the State University System**

The State invests approximately \$2 billion in resources in the State University System. In return the SUS provides educational and economic benefits for Florida's citizens and constituents.

### **Highlights of SUS Funding and State Benefits**

In 2004-05, the SUS received \$1.9 billion in state funds which include general revenue and lottery funds. That amount is approximately 8.5 percent of the total state general revenue and lottery appropriation. The SUS share of the state general revenue has remained flat or decreased from 2002-03 to 2005-06. For the same fiscal year, the state revenue grew by 11.0 percent but the SUS received only 8.8 percent of the additional revenue.

In 2004-05, the SUS invested funds in the following university activities:

- 280,000 students
- 60,000 degrees granted
- \$1.3 billion in Contracts and Grants (a 10 to 1 return on investment)
- \$200 million in private donations matched by state funds creating \$300 million in endowments
- 59,000 personnel (32,000 in E&G)
- 64 million gross square footage of space
- 14,000 acres

### **Where do the Funds Go?**

The Educational and General (E&G) budget (which consists of state appropriations and student tuition) consist of educational activities such as instruction and research, libraries, student services, plant operations and maintenance, etc. These activities are standardized across the country to allow for various comparisons. The primary educational activity is Instruction and Research (I&R).

In 2004-05, I&R accounted for about 65 percent of the \$2.6 billion in E&G expenditures. The next significant activity is administration and support (11%) and plant operations and maintenance (10%). Chart 1 shows a breakout of expenditures by educational activity.

## State Investment Core Activities, 2004-05

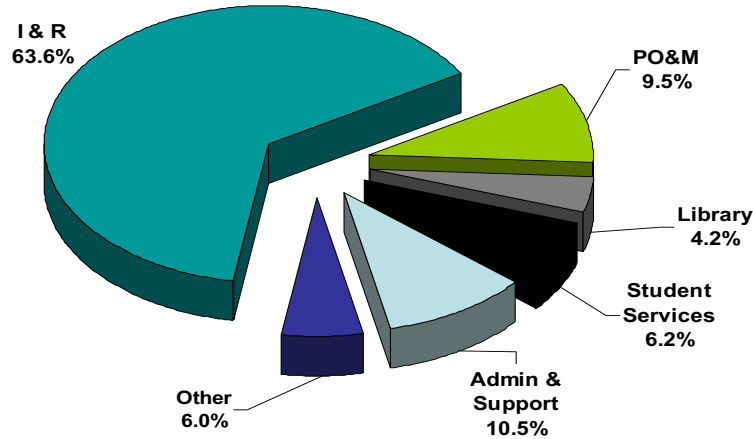


Chart 1

As with many large organizations, personnel costs comprise the largest obligation of the universities followed by other fixed costs such as plant operations and maintenance. Thus, the largest portion of the E&G budget is dedicated to employee Salaries and Benefits (S&B) with approximately 70 percent in 2004-2005. The second largest expenditure is expenses which cover items such as utilities, contractual obligations, and travel. See Chart 2.

## State Investment Expenditures by Category, 2004-05

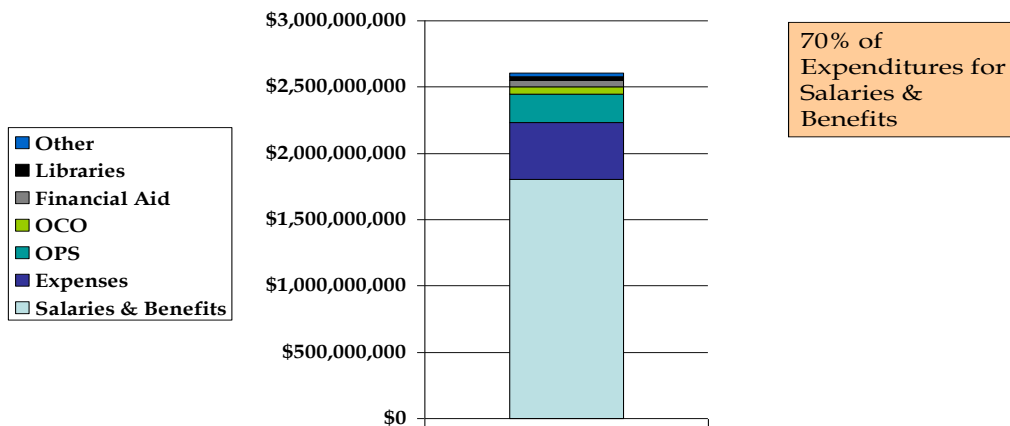


Chart 2