

State University System Eight and a Half Percent Reductions Exercise for FY 2020-2021

In anticipation of the economic challenges to the state resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, universities are required to identify reductions totaling 8.5% of their FY 2020-21 appropriations for consideration in addressing a potential revenue shortfall during the current fiscal period.

For the State University System, the total amount of the 8.5% reductions is an estimated \$270 million. Each institution's reduction target is based on recurring and nonrecurring General Revenue and Lottery appropriations for FY 2020-2021. Risk Management Insurance appropriations are excluded from the university target reductions amounts.

	Million		Million
University of Florida	\$ 69.7	Florida International University	\$ 28.5
Florida State University	\$ 41.4	University of North Florida	\$10.7
Florida A&M University	\$10.3	Florida Gulf Coast University	\$ 9.3
University of South Florida	\$ 36.7	New College of Florida	\$ 3.0
Florida Atlantic University	\$17.9	Florida Polytechnic University	\$ 3.5
University of West Florida	\$7.3	FAMU-FSU Joint COE	\$1.2
University of Central Florida	\$ 30.8		

The following are examples of reduction strategies provided by universities:

- > Restrict or reduce travel expenses or implement a travel freeze
- > Delay plans to purchase necessary equipment
- > Delay plans to perform necessary repairs and renovations
- Reduce student financial aid including scholarships and need-based aid
- Consolidate certain academic departments and colleges
- > Delay filling vacant faculty, administrative, and staff positions
- Reduce number of non-tenure-track faculty
- Reduce administrative, management, and support services
- Reduce student support services and programs
- Reduce university non-instructional support including recruitment, core technology enterprises, and accounting and business support
- Delay planned technological expansion or improvement
- Reduce instructional and research initiatives and faculty recruiting
- Reduce or cap enrollment temporarily
- Limit course selections available to students
- Reduce course offerings during the summer term
- Reduce library resources, services, and offerings
- > Risk accreditation as a result of faculty and staff layoffs and reduced research efforts

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- > Reduce funding for graduate assistantships and other student employment opportunities
- > Increase student-faculty ratios as number of temporary appointments decreases
- > Fill open tenure-track positions with non-tenure-track appointments
- Temporarily fund certain operating expenses with carryforward funds, limiting the ability to use those funds for their originally-planned purposes

For detailed reports by institution, please contact the Board of Governors Budget Office.

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