State University System
Reductions

In preparation for the 2020-2021 LBR submission to the Legislature and to the Governor, all state agencies were asked to identify the programs and/or services that would be eliminated or reduced if a 10% reduction is enacted for FY 2020-2021.

For the State University System, the total amount of reductions is an estimated $309 million. Each institution was allocated a proportionate amount of the total reduction based on their recurring general revenue and lottery appropriations for FY 2019-2020.

The university summaries identify various reduction proposals. The following provides some examples:

➢ Eliminate administrative positions
➢ Reduce basic services to include admissions operations, police and safety, and core technology enterprises
➢ Eliminate departmental administrative and faculty positions
➢ Eliminate large units and/or subunits; reduce or close programs
➢ Reduce student scholarships, need-based financial aid, instructional and research initiatives and faculty recruiting
➢ Hire non-tenure track instructors with instruction-only assignments
➢ Reduce student planned enrollment and full-time equivalent (FTE)
➢ Reduce academic, university, research and/or student services support
➢ Implement a purchasing, administrative hiring, and travel freeze
➢ Reduce library resources, services and hours
➢ Curtail funding allocated for broadcasting services
➢ Phase out up to 5 degree programs and 150 summer courses
➢ Reduced workforce for instruction, an increased student-faculty ratio, and a decreased research and tech transfer enterprise
➢ Reduce research support (laboratory technicians, post-doctoral, and graduate students)
➢ Risk accreditation status and risk retention of current faculty and staff
➢ A decrease in research activity represents lost economic opportunity in the State
➢ Reduce enrollment to maintain faculty-to-student ratios and the quality of student learning which has the cascading effect of reducing the number of available courses and ultimately the number of graduates
➢ Reduce and/or cap enrollment and course section availability to students
➢ Reduce services provided by the Florida Virtual Campus

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