

From the Desk of Chancellor Charles R. Bantz

Colleagues: On Tuesday (June 30, 2009), the Indiana General Assembly passed a biennial budget for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. This was a particularly difficult year for the General Assembly, facing declining revenues and philosophical differences on spending. I commend the members of the legislature for their hard work in reaching a compromise under such challenging circumstances.

Overall, Indiana University's eight campuses were cut by 4.5 percent in fiscal year 2010 and another 1.5 percent in fiscal year 2011. These cuts will be replaced with a one-time allocation of federal stimulus dollars, which will essentially leave budgets flat for the next two years. IUPUI received a 5.6 percent cut to base funding in fiscal year 2010 and a .9 percent cut in 2011. These cuts are based on a fully funded 2009 operating appropriation of \$205 million.

Also included in the bill are:

\$33 million authorization for the Indianapolis Neurosciences Building Phase II

\$10 million authorization for the Life Sciences Lab Renovations

\$10 million per year for the Indiana Innovation Alliance, including \$3 million for expansion of the medical school, \$2 million for Purdue technology programs, and \$5 million for core research

\$31.5 million systemwide for repair and rehabilitation, including \$13 million that was cut in FY 2009

IU Administration and the campus administration are currently discussing the tuition rates for the biennium. President McRobbie has indicated his intent to make an announcement on tuition early next week. The proposed rates must be public for 10 days before they are voted on by the Board of Trustees.

The campus administration is also reviewing the implications of a 6.5 percent, or \$13.3 million, cut in base appropriations over the next two fiscal years. We will discuss options as to how to approach this so that we are positioned appropriately for the 2012 fiscal year.

As soon as these decisions are made, we will be able to communicate the impact at the responsibility center level. We anticipate making decisions on the expenditure side during the week of the July 13th.

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