

Budget Brief – Utah State University

SUMMARY

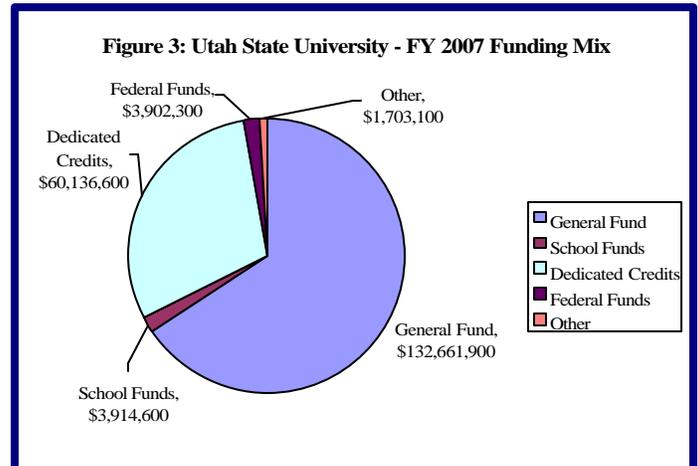
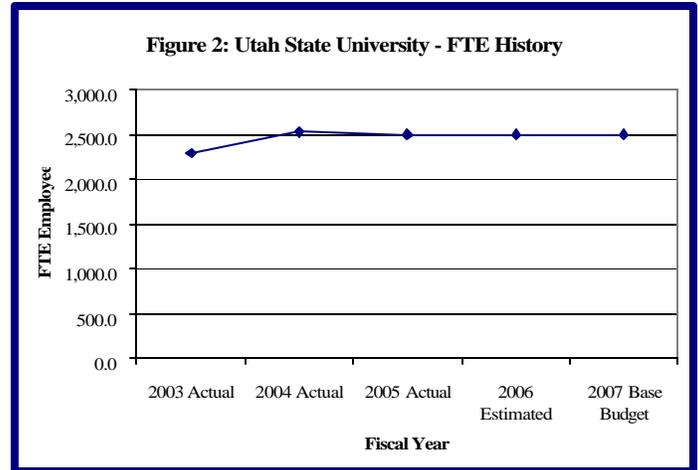
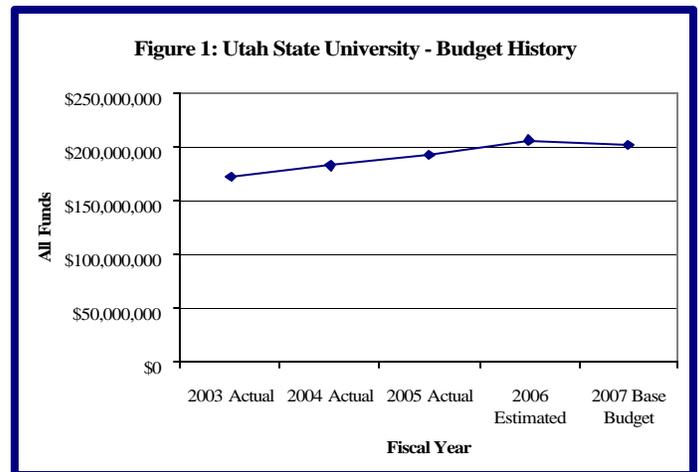
Utah State University (USU) serves as the State’s land grant university. Its mission is to provide undergraduate, graduate, professional and research curriculums in numerous fields of study, including agriculture, applied sciences, education, and natural resources. In addition, USU has a state-wide role to provide education to underserved areas throughout the State through on-site delivery and distance education at five continuing education centers and county extension offices. The FY 2005 enrollment at the University was 17,637 full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Base Budget: The total FY 2006 appropriated budget for Utah State University was \$202,671,800, with \$132,511,900 from the General Fund and \$8,018,100 from Income Tax funds (including a one-time Income Tax fund appropriation of \$5 million). Using the FY 2006 ongoing appropriation as the beginning point for the FY 2007 base budget, with changes in the level of dedicated credits for unallocated 1st tier tuition and 2nd tier tuition collected in the amount of \$3,600,200, the total adjusted amount becomes \$201,272,000.

Included in the FY 2006 appropriation to the State Board of Regents, to be distributed to the institutions, was funding for the Engineering Initiative, salary retention funds, alternative fuels, and University Centers. The Analyst has distributed those appropriations to be reflected in the adjusted base budget. For Utah State University, transfers from the State Board of Regents’ line item included \$475,000 for the Engineering Initiative, \$421,500 for salary retention, \$23,700 for alternative fuels, and \$126,300 for University Centers. The funding for the Engineering Initiative and salary retention is from Income Tax funds; the funding for alternative fuels and University Centers is from the General Fund. The FY 2007 base budget is \$202,318,500, with a total of \$132,661,900 from the General Fund and \$3,914,600 from Income Tax funds.

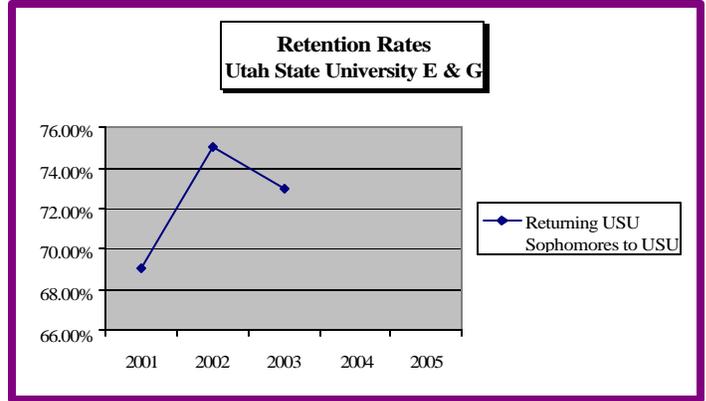
Student Success: The Analyst recommends funding in the amount of \$357,000 to increase the probability of students’ success in their higher education experience. This funding would be used for additional advisers, academic support, e.g. tutoring, additional faculty to alleviate bottleneck courses, and additional resources for students with disabilities.



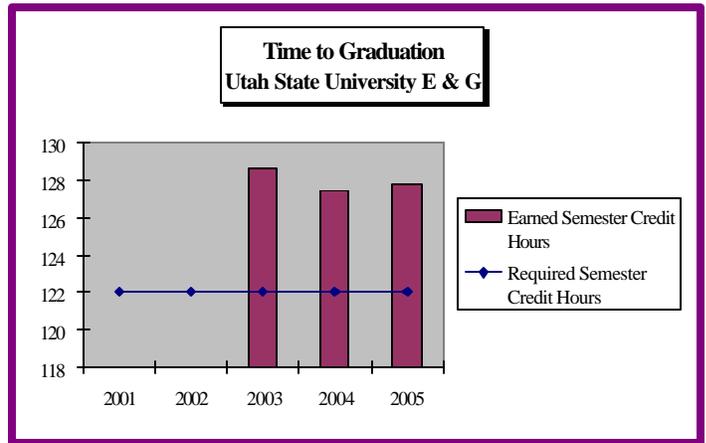
ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL

Utah State University’s performance indicators include the retention rate of students, the average time it takes for a student to graduate, and the number and amount of research grants.

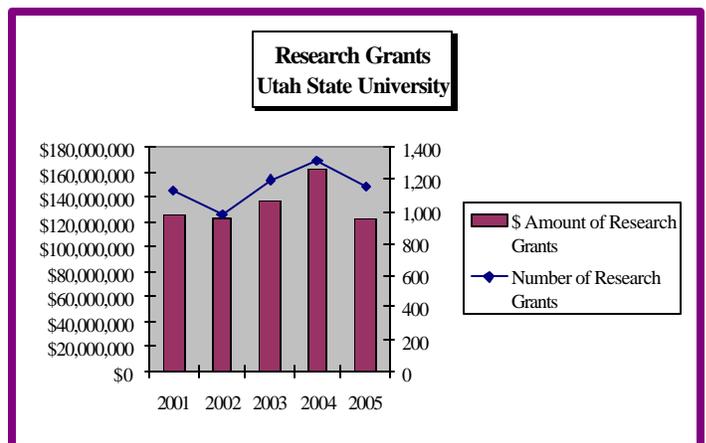
The Retention Rate figure shows the percentage of freshmen students returning to continue their education. This figure is impacted by the high number of young people who leave school for service or military reasons.



The average number of earned semester hours for graduates at Utah State University is 128. The minimum required number of hours is 122.



Utah State University is one of the two research institutions in the State. The average number of grants over the past five years is approximately 1,150 and the amount of research grants averages almost \$134 million. As of December 2004, there were 9 companies, employing almost 2,200 individuals, conducting operations in Utah that started their business by licensing intellectual property from Utah State University.



BUDGET DETAIL

Base Budget: The Legislative Fiscal Analyst recommends approval of Utah State University's FY 2007 adjusted base budget in the amount of \$202,318,500, with \$132,661,900 from the General Fund, \$3,914,600 from Income Tax funds, \$60,036,000 from Dedicated Credits, \$100,600 from Land Grant Management Funds, \$3,902,300 from Federal Funds, \$1,703,100 from the Mineral Lease Account.

Intent Language: In the past, there have been several items of legislative intent language included in the various appropriations acts regarding higher education issues. During the 2005 General Session, there was an effort to reduce the amount of intent language, especially those items that were repeated year after year. As a result, there was no intent language that affected higher education included in the appropriations acts for FY 2006.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee adopt a base budget for Utah State University in the amount of \$202,318,500. The approved allocation is \$132,661,900 (General Fund) and \$3,914,600 (Income Tax funds).

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee develop a prioritization list of items for additional funding for FY 2007 and FY 2006 (Supplemental).

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Utah State University						
Sources of Finance	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2006 Revised	Changes	FY 2007* Base Budget
General Fund	127,833,700	132,511,900	0	132,511,900	150,000	132,661,900
Income Tax	1,826,300	3,018,100	0	3,018,100	896,500	3,914,600
Income Tax, One-time	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	(5,000,000)	0
Federal Funds	4,157,379	3,902,300	0	3,902,300	0	3,902,300
Dedicated Credits Revenue	52,473,482	56,435,800	3,601,700	60,037,500	(1,500)	60,036,000
Dedicated Credits - Land Grant	238,335	100,600	0	100,600	0	100,600
Federal Mineral Lease	1,883,019	1,703,100	0	1,703,100	0	1,703,100
Transfers	1,207,121	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Nonlapsing	21,702,611	0	0	0	0	0
Closing Nonlapsing	(18,686,374)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	\$192,635,573	\$202,671,800	\$3,601,700	\$206,273,500	(\$3,955,000)	\$202,318,500
Line Items						
Education and General	150,458,838	155,833,900	3,020,000	158,853,900	(4,130,700)	154,723,200
Uintah Basin Continuing Education Center	5,297,058	5,422,200	171,100	5,593,300	3,700	5,597,000
Southeastern Continuing Education Center	979,059	1,169,600	37,200	1,206,800	0	1,206,800
Brigham City Continuing Education Center	2,419,280	4,046,800	172,300	4,219,100	41,300	4,260,400
Tooele Continuing Education Center	4,464,627	4,063,000	201,100	4,264,100	130,700	4,394,800
Water Research Laboratory	2,621,267	3,277,900	0	3,277,900	0	3,277,900
Educationally Disadvantaged	226,474	236,500	0	236,500	0	236,500
Agriculture Experiment Station	12,659,291	14,665,600	0	14,665,600	0	14,665,600
Cooperative Extension	13,509,679	13,956,300	0	13,956,300	0	13,956,300
Total	\$192,635,573	\$202,671,800	\$3,601,700	\$206,273,500	(\$3,955,000)	\$202,318,500
Categories of Expenditure						
Personal Services	155,920,392	157,732,000	14,221,600	171,953,600	421,500	172,375,100
In-State Travel	1,724,107	1,785,000	(1,785,000)	0	0	0
Current Expense	35,575,063	43,225,900	(8,906,000)	34,319,900	(4,376,500)	29,943,400
Capital Outlay	1,169,004	1,077,200	(1,077,200)	0	0	0
Other Charges/Pass Thru	(1,752,993)	(1,148,300)	1,148,300	0	0	0
Total	\$192,635,573	\$202,671,800	\$3,601,700	\$206,273,500	(\$3,955,000)	\$202,318,500
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	2,500.0	2,530.0	(27.9)	2,502.1	0.0	2,502.1
Vehicles	664	662	2	664	0	664

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.