

# SNOW COLLEGE

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
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## BUDGET BRIEF

### SUMMARY

Snow College has the mission of providing high quality general education and academic transfer courses along with career and technical (CTE) education. Snow College offers degrees for Associate of Arts, Associate of Sciences, Associate of Applied Science, and Associate of Applied Technology. The main campus of Snow College is located in Ephraim; a branch campus is located in Richfield. In the 2003 General Session, House Bill 161, "Snow College Richfield Campus" transferred the operations of the Utah College of Applied Technology's Central Campus to Snow College. With this change, Snow College offers CTE programs to secondary and post-secondary students in that region. The FY 2010 enrollment at the University was 3,134 full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

### ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Base Budget:** The total FY 2011 appropriated budget for Snow College was \$25,822,000, with \$3,102,400 from the General Fund (offset by a one-time General Fund reduction of \$416,400); \$16,184,700 from the Education Fund; and \$416,400 in one-time funds from the federal stimulus money through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Using 93% of the FY 2011 ongoing appropriation as the beginning point for the FY 2012 base budget, with changes in the level of dedicated credits for unallocated 1st tier and 2nd tier tuition in the amount of \$1,025,000, the adjusted base becomes \$25,496,900.

Figure 1: Snow College - Budget History

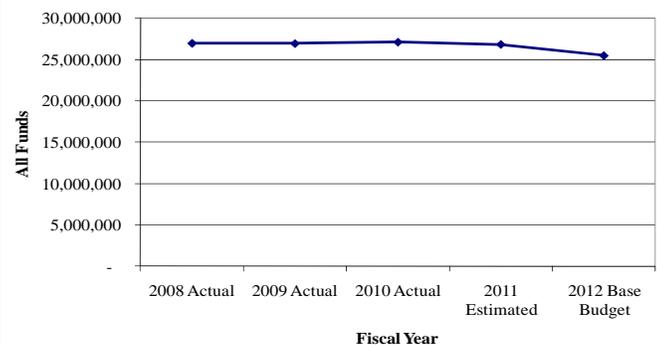


Figure 2: Snow College - FTE History

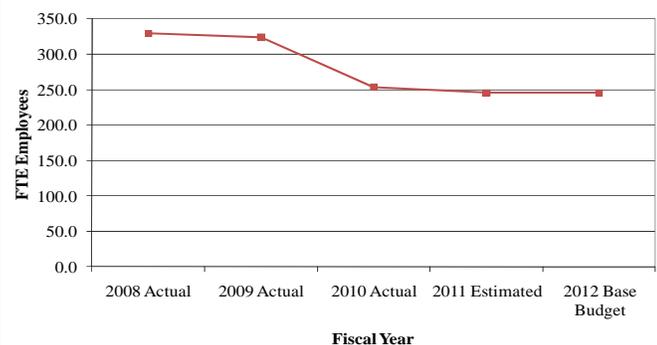
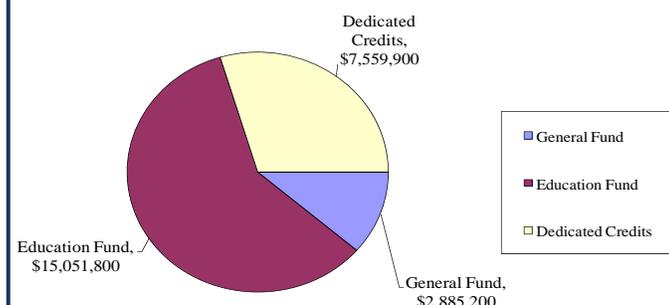


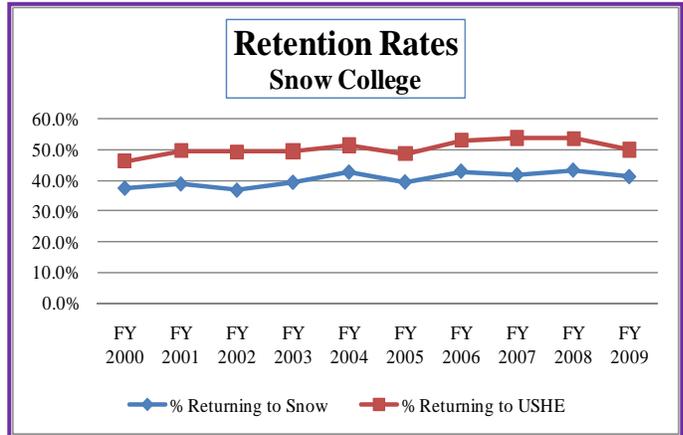
Figure 3: Snow College - FY 2012 Funding Mix



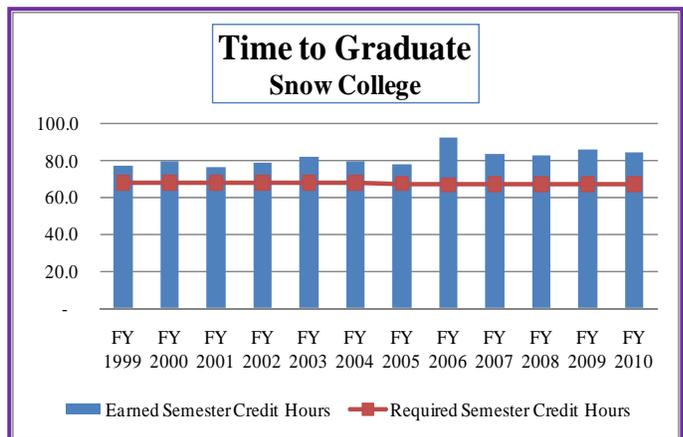
**ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL**

Snow College’s performance indicators include the retention rate of students, the average time it takes for a student to graduate, and the percentage of courses taught by regular faculty.

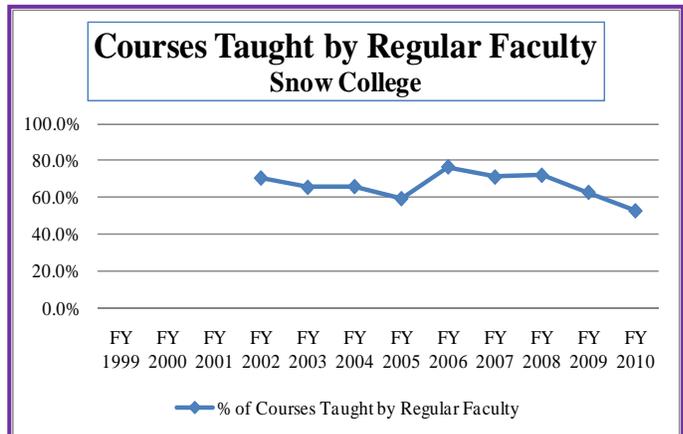
The Retention Rate figure shows the percentage of freshmen students returning to continue their education. This figure is impacted by the high number of young people who leave school for service or military reasons.



In 2010, the average number of earned semester hours for graduates with an Associate Degree at Snow College was 85. The minimum required number of hours is 67.



The quality of a post-secondary education can be influenced by the number of courses taught by regular faculty vs. adjunct faculty. As shown in the figure, the percent of courses taught by regular faculty at Snow College has fluctuated between 50 and 77 percent over the past nine years. In 2010, 53 percent of the courses taught at Snow College were taught by regular faculty.



**BUDGET DETAIL**

**Base Budget:** The table on the following page shows the budget history for Snow College. To eliminate the structural imbalance and as directed by the Executive Appropriations Committee, the “FY 2012 Base Budget” column includes 93% of the FY 2011 ongoing General and Education Fund appropriations across the board. Targeted budget changes, reflecting policymaker decision direction, will likely replace the pro-rata reductions shown here..

**Intent Language:** In the past, there have been several items of legislative intent language included in the various appropriations act 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 is only one item of intent language affecting Snow College. This language is included in all line items with appropriation from ARRA funds and restricts the amount of ARRA funds expended to the amount appropriated.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee adopt a base budget for Snow College in the amount of \$25,496,900.

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee develop a prioritization list of items for additional funding for FY 2012 and FY 2011 (Supplemental).

**BUDGET DETAIL TABLE**

Snow College						
	FY 2010	FY 2011		FY 2011		FY 2012*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Base Budget
General Fund	2,847,200	3,102,400	0	3,102,400	(217,200)	2,885,200
General Fund, One-time	1,752,600	(416,400)	0	(416,400)	416,400	0
Education Fund	16,184,000	16,184,700	0	16,184,700	(1,132,900)	15,051,800
Education Fund, One-time	(2,283,600)	0	0	0	0	0
American Recovery and Reinvestment A	1,452,600	416,400	0	416,400	(416,400)	0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	6,853,200	6,534,900	1,025,000	7,559,900	0	7,559,900
Transfers	69,000	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Nonlapsing	1,113,400	0	868,600	868,600	0	868,600
Closing Nonlapsing	(868,600)	0	(868,600)	(868,600)	0	(868,600)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,119,800</b>	<b>\$25,822,000</b>	<b>\$1,025,000</b>	<b>\$26,847,000</b>	<b>(\$1,350,100)</b>	<b>\$25,496,900</b>
<b>Line Items</b>						
Education and General	25,828,500	24,526,300	1,025,000	25,551,300	(1,259,400)	24,291,900
Educationally Disadvantaged	27,600	32,000	0	32,000	(2,200)	29,800
Snow College - CTE	1,263,700	1,263,700	0	1,263,700	(88,500)	1,175,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,119,800</b>	<b>\$25,822,000</b>	<b>\$1,025,000</b>	<b>\$26,847,000</b>	<b>(\$1,350,100)</b>	<b>\$25,496,900</b>
<b>Categories of Expenditure</b>						
Personnel Services	19,435,900	18,854,400	1,058,300	19,912,700	(1,347,900)	18,564,800
In-state Travel	230,600	282,900	92,300	375,200	0	375,200
Current Expense	5,244,100	6,684,700	(125,600)	6,559,100	(2,200)	6,556,900
Capital Outlay	254,600	0	0	0	0	0
Other Charges/Pass Thru	1,954,600	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,119,800</b>	<b>\$25,822,000</b>	<b>\$1,025,000</b>	<b>\$26,847,000</b>	<b>(\$1,350,100)</b>	<b>\$25,496,900</b>
<b>Other Data</b>						
Budgeted FTE	253.9	253.9	(8.3)	245.5	0.0	245.5
Vehicles	46	48	(2)	46	(1)	45

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