

# SNOW COLLEGE

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
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BUDGET BRIEF

## SUMMARY

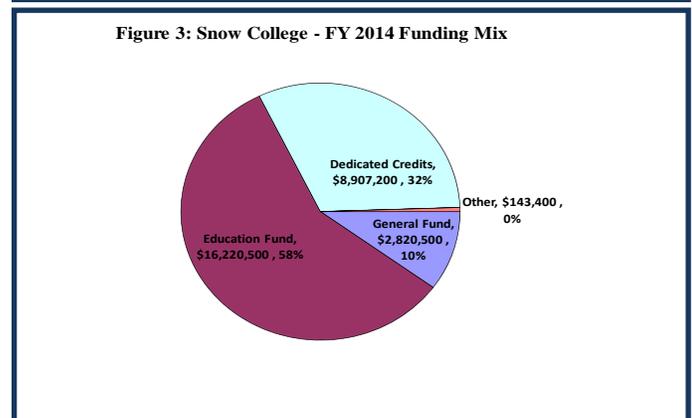
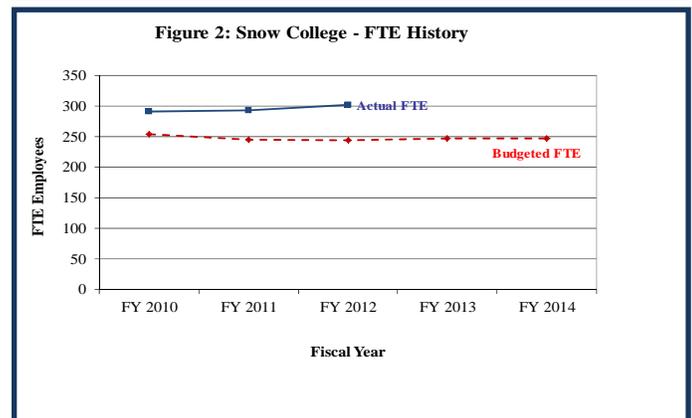
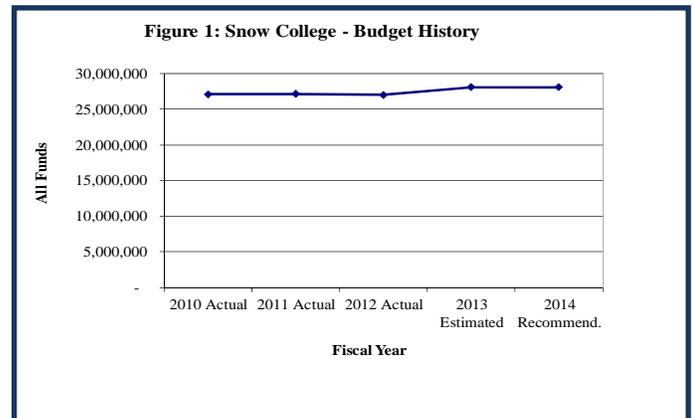
Snow College has the mission of providing high quality general education and academic transfer courses along with career and technical (CTE) education. Snow College offers degrees for Associate of Arts, Associate of Sciences, Associate of Applied Science, and Associate of Applied Technology. The main 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 2012 enrollment at the College was 3,260 full-time equivalent (FTE) students.

Snow College's budget includes three line items. The largest of these is the Education and General line item, which covers 95.4 percent of the entire institution's budget. The other line items include:

- Educationally Disadvantaged
- Career and Technical Education

## ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**Base Budget:** The FY 2014 adjusted base budget for Snow College is \$28,091,600, with \$2,820,500 from the General Fund; \$16,220,500 from the Education Fund; \$8,907,200 from Dedicated Credits; \$143,400 from USH Transfers; \$1,263,300 from Beginning Nonlapsing Funds; and (\$1,263,300) from Closing Nonlapsing Funds.



Should additional funding be allocated to the Higher Education Subcommittee, the Analyst would recommend the following three items:

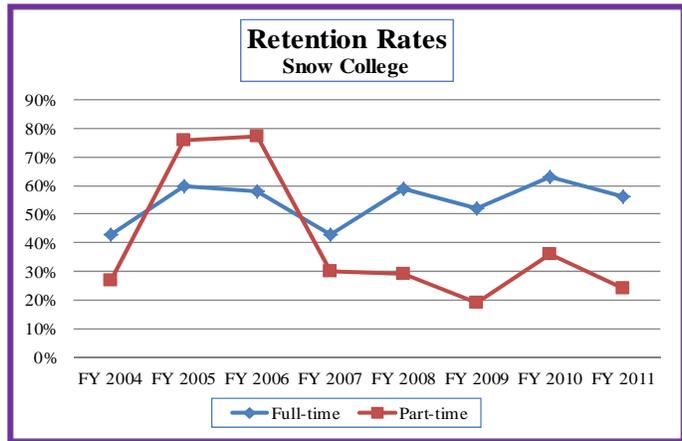
1. New funding to help Snow College toward the goal of having 66% of the adult population achieving a post-secondary certificate or degree by the year 2020 \$590,000
2. Mission-Based Funding (Equity) to continue to improve the funding distribution among USHE institutions \$22,400

For Snow College, the Governor’s FY 2014 budget recommends \$590,000 for the 66% Goal and \$173,300 for Mission-Based/Equity Funding;

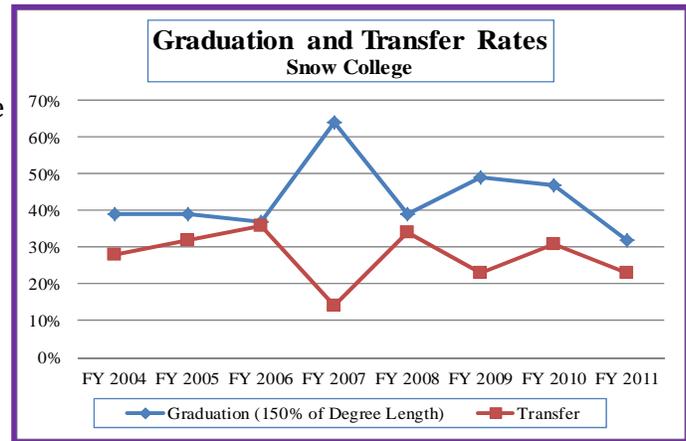
**ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL**

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.

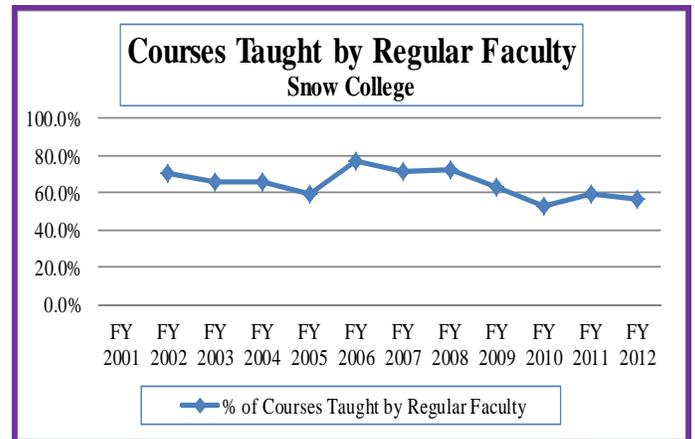
The Retention Rate figure shows the percentage of first-time, full-time and part-time entering students who continue their education the following Fall.



In 2011, the graduation rate at Snow College was 32%. This measurement looks at the number of first-time, full-time students in a given cohort who graduate within a time frame equal to 150% of the minimum time required for graduation. Transfer rates consider the total number of students who transfer to another institution within the same 150% time frame.



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 53 and 77 percent over the past decade. In 2012, 57 percent of the courses taught at Snow College were taught by regular faculty.



### **BUDGET DETAIL**

**Base Budget:** The total FY 2013 appropriated budget for Snow College was \$27,558,900, with \$2,820,500 from the General Fund and \$16,220,500 from the Education Fund.

To the FY 2013 ongoing appropriation, a change in the level of dedicated credits for unallocated 1st and 2nd tier tuition in the amount of \$532,700 is added, resulting in the FY 2013 estimated base of \$28,091,600.

**Intent Language:** Last year, the Legislature approved the following intent language for all of the credit-granting higher education institutions:

*The Legislature intends that appropriations in this item be utilized by institutions to implement provisions in accordance with Senate Bill 97, Higher Education Mission Based Funding (2011 General Session). Consideration should be given to: student plans and tracking of student progress, requirements that students take general education courses early in their college experience, increasing the availability of courses to meet students' schedules and situations, arresting the inflationary cost increases of tuition, fees, and books, and retention and completion measures.*

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee adopt a base budget for Snow College in the amount of \$28,091,600. The allocation approved by the Executive Appropriations Committee is \$2,820,500 (General Fund) and \$16,220,500 (Education Fund).

The Analyst recommends that the Subcommittee develop a prioritization list of items for additional funding for FY 2014 and FY 2013 (Supplemental).

**BUDGET DETAIL TABLE**

Snow College						
Sources of Finance	FY 2012	FY 2013	Changes	FY 2013	Changes	FY 2014*
	Actual	Appropriated		Revised		Recommended
General Fund	2,717,800	2,820,500	0	2,820,500	0	2,820,500
Education Fund	16,089,700	16,220,500	0	16,220,500	0	16,220,500
Dedicated Credits Revenue	8,344,200	8,374,500	532,700	8,907,200	0	8,907,200
Transfers - HED	143,400	143,400	0	143,400	0	143,400
Beginning Nonlapsing	1,009,200	1,009,200	254,100	1,263,300	0	1,263,300
Closing Nonlapsing	(1,263,300)	(1,009,200)	(254,100)	(1,263,300)	0	(1,263,300)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,041,000</b>	<b>\$27,558,900</b>	<b>\$532,700</b>	<b>\$28,091,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,091,600</b>
<b>Line Items</b>						
Education and General	25,754,500	26,261,800	532,700	26,794,500	0	26,794,500
Educationally Disadvantaged	32,000	32,000	0	32,000	0	32,000
Snow College - CTE	1,254,500	1,265,100	0	1,265,100	0	1,265,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,041,000</b>	<b>\$27,558,900</b>	<b>\$532,700</b>	<b>\$28,091,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,091,600</b>
<b>Categories of Expenditure</b>						
Personnel Services	20,222,100	19,781,200	870,300	20,651,500	0	20,651,500
In-state Travel	413,100	386,100	68,700	454,800	0	454,800
Current Expense	6,140,600	7,391,600	(406,300)	6,985,300	0	6,985,300
Capital Outlay	161,600	0	0	0	0	0
Other Charges/Pass Thru	103,600	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,041,000</b>	<b>\$27,558,900</b>	<b>\$532,700</b>	<b>\$28,091,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,091,600</b>
<b>Other Data</b>						
Budgeted FTE	244	244	3	247	0	247
Actual FTE	302	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	45	43	(5)	38	0	38

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