

New Mexico State University

Legislative Finance Committee Update

REOPENING COLLEGE CAMPUSES: STRATEGIC OUTLOOK FOR HIGHER
EDUCATION UNDER COVID-19 CONSTRAINTS

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Unprecedented Challenges



Implications for the Future



Two Main Goals in a COVID-19 Environment:

- 1. Health and Safety of our students, faculty and staff***
- 2. Continued Academic Progress***

Impacts on Enrollment

Measures to Protect Students

Collaboration

Budget Impacts



NMSU Community Support

Helping with our greater community during COVID-19 - Highlights

- College of Engineering – PPE
- New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- Cooperative Extension Service
- DACC - Small Business Development Center
- American Indian Programs Collections and Donations
- Testing Initiative



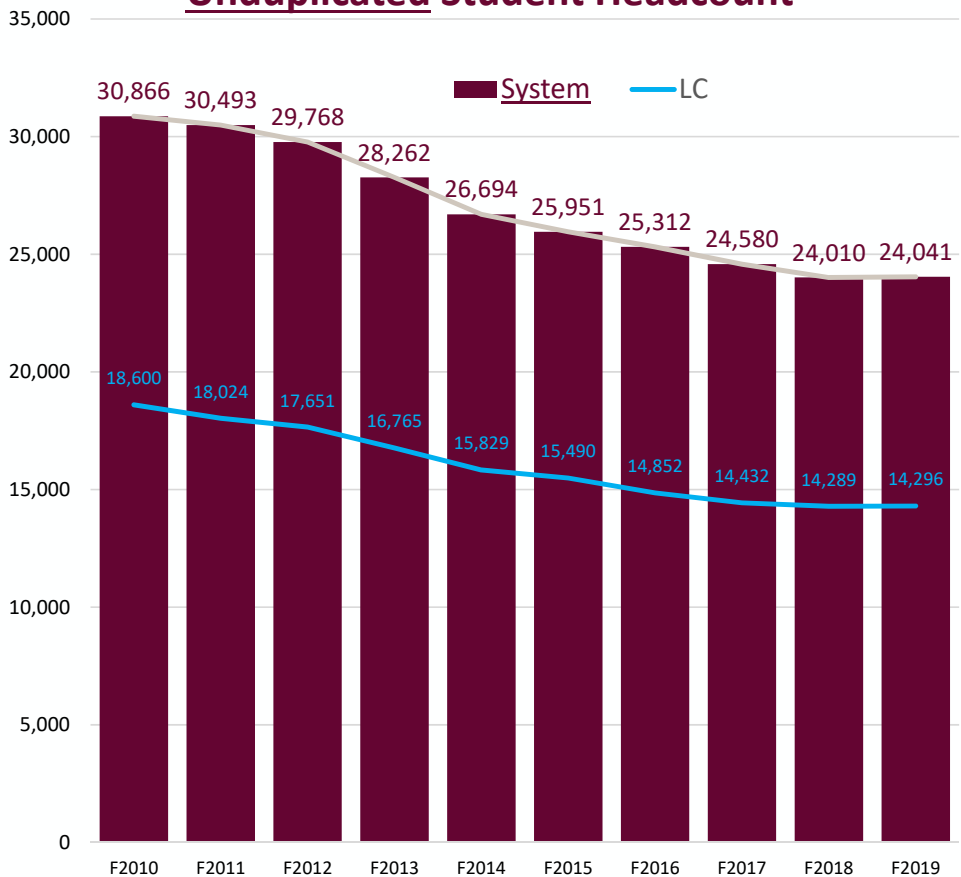
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LEADS 2025

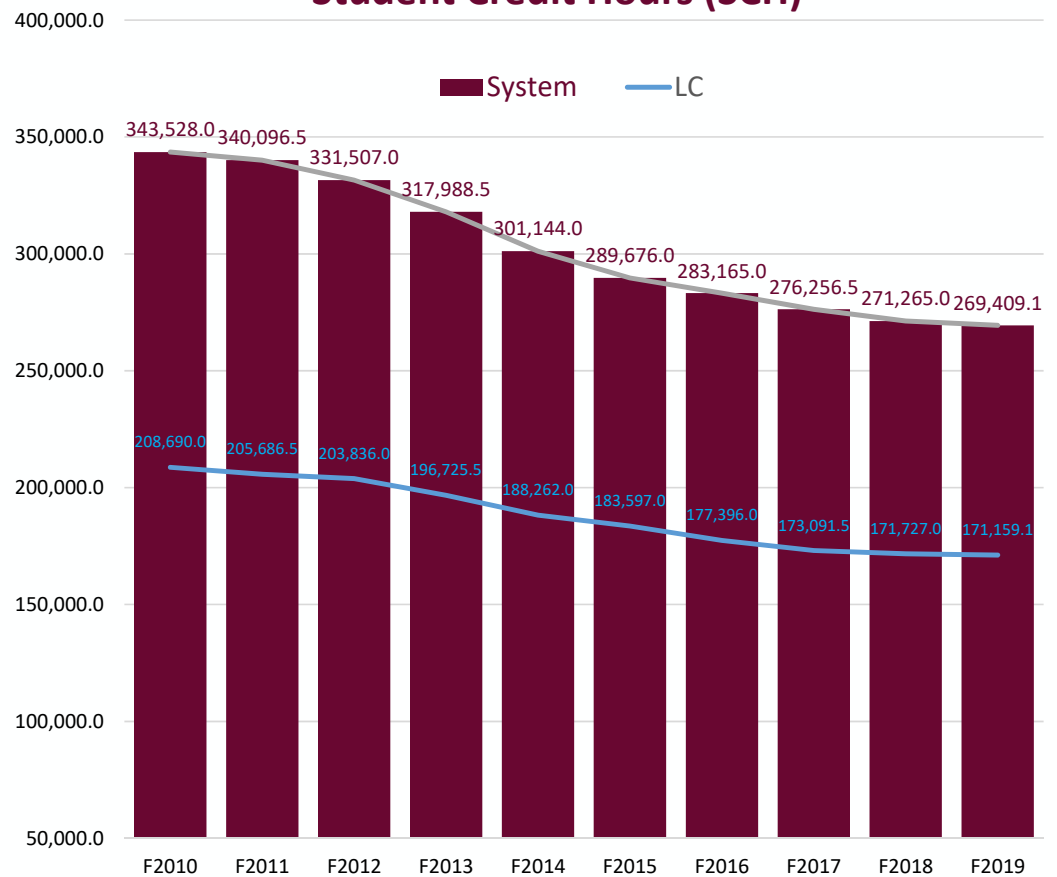


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NMSU System – Fall Census Unduplicated Student Headcount



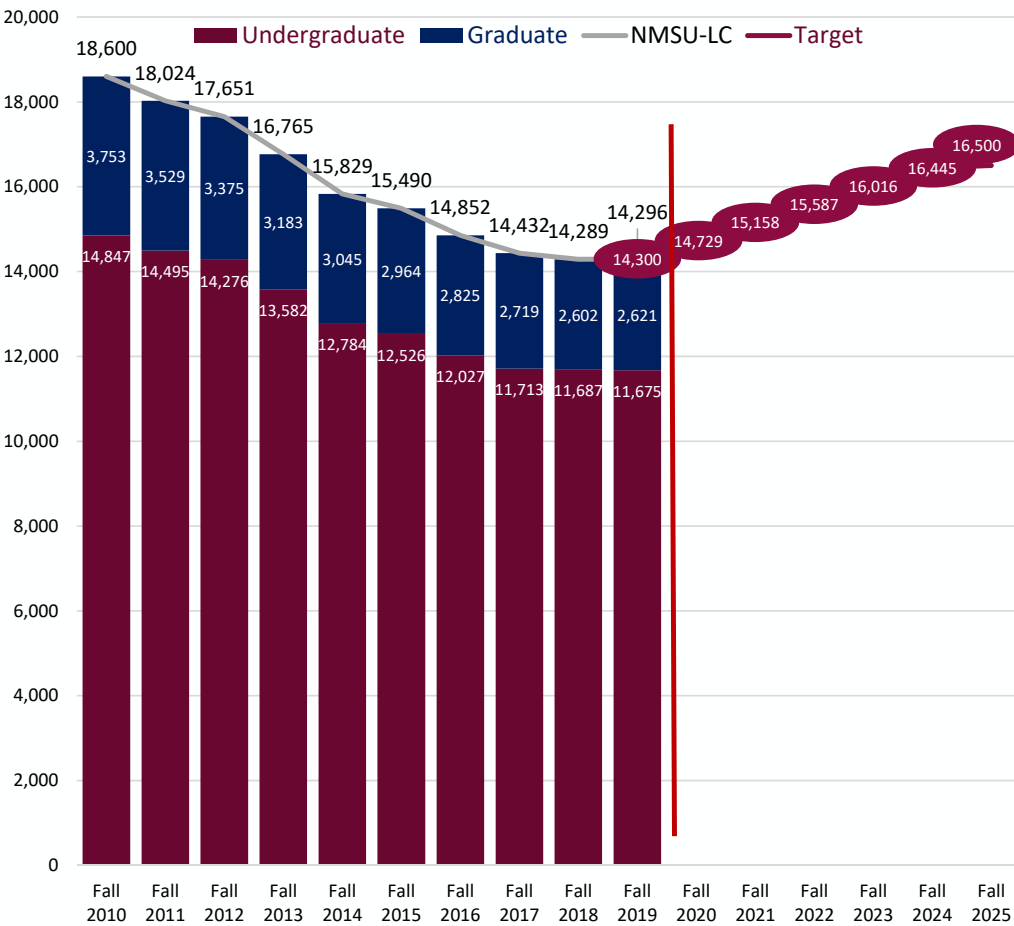
NMSU System – Fall Census Student Credit Hours (SCH)



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Source: NMSU Institutional Analysis
Note: Student Credit Hours cannot be duplicated.

NMSU - Las Cruces Student Headcount



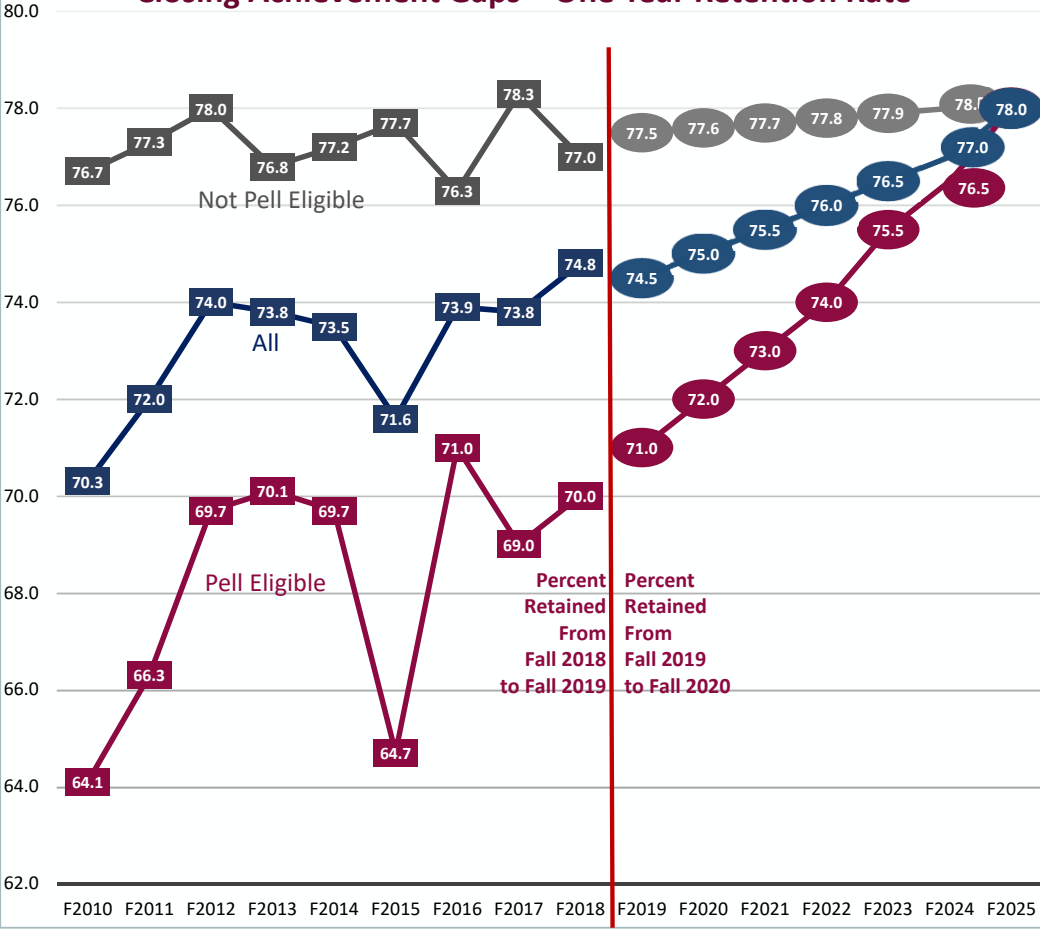
NMSU Research Expenditures (in \$K)



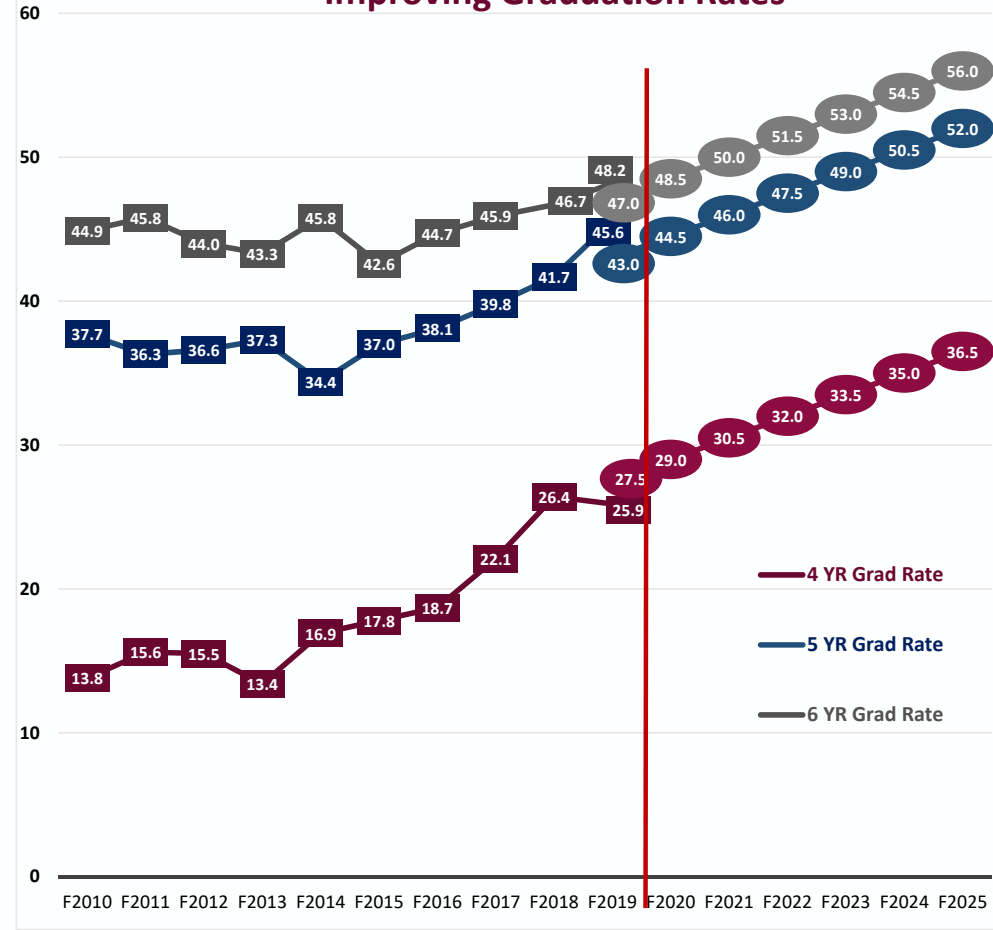
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Source: NCES Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and NMSU Institutional Analysis

Closing Achievement Gaps – One Year Retention Rate



Improving Graduation Rates



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Enrollment – Impact of COVID-19

Enrollment in Same Number of Days Approaching Fall Census as of Jul-15-2020

Day to Day Comparisons	Headcount						
	Fall 2017 07/11/17	Fall 2018 07/10/18	Fall 2019 07/16/19	Fall 2020 07/14/20	1 yr Change	1 yr % Change	CENSUS 2019 09/06/19
System Unduplicated	17,602	17,331	17,612	16,151	-1,461	-8.3%	24,041
Alamogordo	781	658	601	398	-203	-33.8%	1,537
Carlsbad	659	600	544	462	-82	-15.1%	1,921
Dona Ana	5,477	5,317	5,706	4,599	-1,107	-19.4%	8,054
Grants	276	258	254	191	-63	-24.8%	813
Las Cruces Campus	11,502	11,709	11,769	11,542	-227	-1.9%	14,296
Undergraduate	9,736	10,068	10,031	9,844	-187	-1.9%	11,675
Graduate	1,766	1,641	1,738	1,698	-40	-2.3%	2,621

Day to Day Comparisons	Student Credit Hours (SCH)						
	Fall 2017 07/11/17	Fall 2018 07/10/18	Fall 2019 07/16/19	Fall 2020 07/14/20	1 yr Change	1 yr % Change	CENSUS 2019 9/6/2019
NMSU System	205,977.5	207,715.5	209,412.0	193,520.0	-15,892.0	-7.6%	269,409.0
Alamogordo	5,772.0	5,136.0	4,669.0	2,902.0	-1,767.0	-37.8%	10,081.0
Carlsbad	6,142.0	5,287.0	5,008.0	3,940.0	-1,068.0	-21.3%	12,031.0
Dona Ana	51,258.0	50,402.0	53,326.0	43,422.0	-9,904.0	-18.6%	71,614.0
Grants	1,923.0	1,777.0	1,660.0	1,138.0	-522.0	-31.4%	4,524.0
Las Cruces Campus	140,882.5	145,113.5	144,749.0	142,118.0	-2,631.0	-1.8%	171,159.0
Undergraduate	128,237.5	133,055.5	132,262.0	129,802.0	-2,460.0	-1.9%	152,514.0
Graduate	12,645.0	12,058.0	12,487.0	12,316.0	-171.0	-1.4%	18,645.0

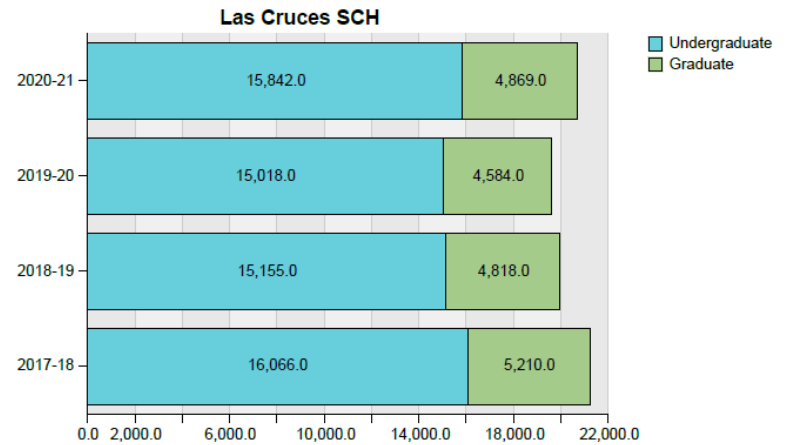
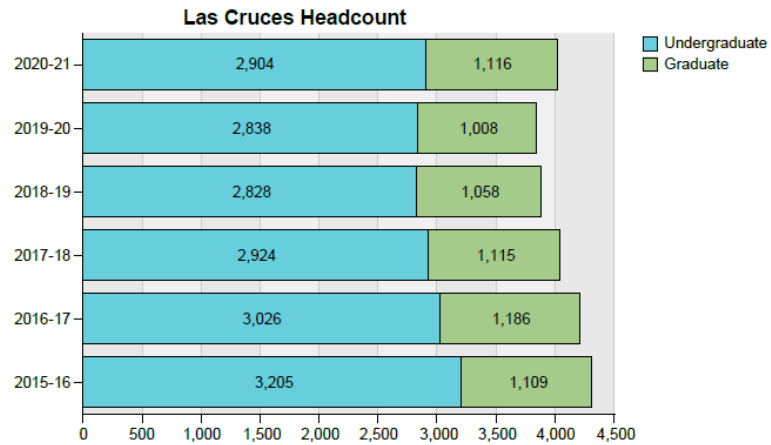
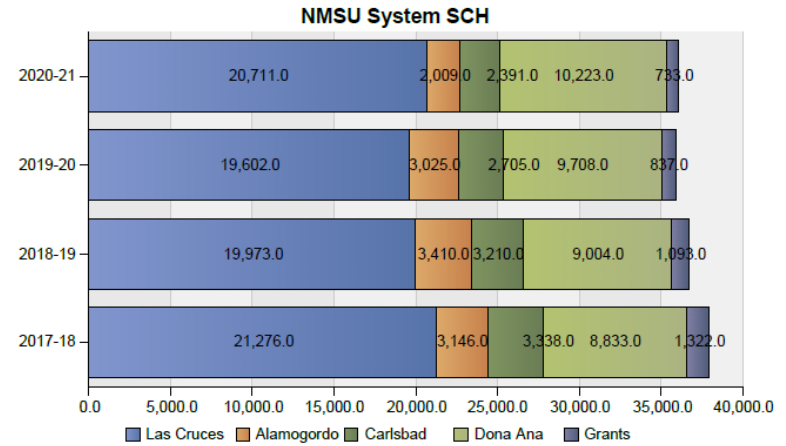
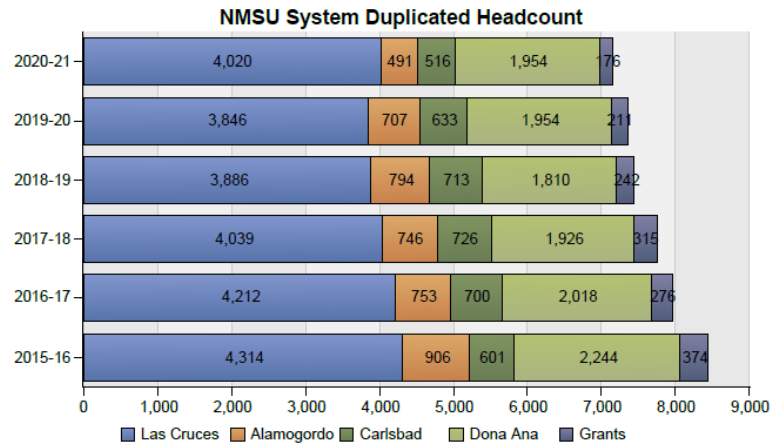


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NMSU Enrollment - Summer 2020 Census ***DRAFT***

Note: 2020-21 as of Jul-15-20, all other years at end of Summer term



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Preparing for Fall Opening System-wide Return to Campus Plan

NMSU Ready – Our Plan to Return to Campus (<https://ready.nmsu.edu/>), ever evolving

- When to come back to campus
- COVID-19: What everyone should know
- Facility Readiness
- Instructional Readiness
- Student Life

- Other COVID-19 Precautions
 - Screening
 - Face masks
 - Social distancing
- Reporting COVID-19 at NMSU
- Ready for Our Community
- Documenting our Planning & Decisions



Communicating is Essential

- Town Halls every 2 – 3 weeks (800+ listen) with follow on FAQs
- Friday letters from Chancellor or President
- Weekly Ready Newsletters
- Updating NMSU Ready Plan
- Hotline updates
- Emails from functional areas to targeted audiences (HR, Housing, Student Life, etc.)
- Board of Regent updates weekly

Measures to Protect Students, Faculty & Staff

**Planning for all scenarios (trigger points) –
Flexibility and adaptability**

**Fall Semester (in-person/online and
blended instruction)**

Physical Modifications

Coming Back for Instruction

- Classroom Modifications
- Changes in Residence Halls
- Physical Changes in Public Spaces
- Smaller Class Sizes

**Virtual Training of Faculty, Staff and
Students**

Coming Back to Campus

- Physical Barriers
- Modifications to Offices
- Work Spacing
- Sanitizing
- Face Masks

Follow CDC and NMDOH Recommendations

- Social Distancing
- Group Size
- Face Masks

**Working with HHS and DOH on testing
capabilities for southern NM**



Expectations and Monitoring

- Vaccine – need, won't have
- Personal Accountability Expectations for self and to help others
- Personal Daily Screening (temperature, CDC symptoms)
- Efficient Contact Tracing
- Robust Testing
 - Affordable
 - Accurate
 - Accessible
 - Rapid
- Spread Rate of Virus
- Dashboard reviewed weekly by leadership/health experts

Should you return to NMSU this fall, what format would you prefer to take courses in?

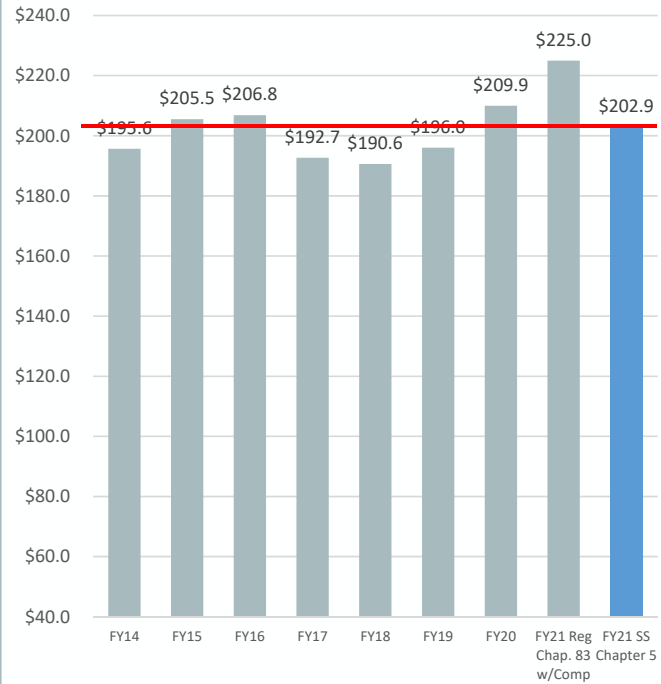
All courses face to face	45.8%
All courses online	26.1%
Hybrid	28.0%

Collaboration Among Institutions

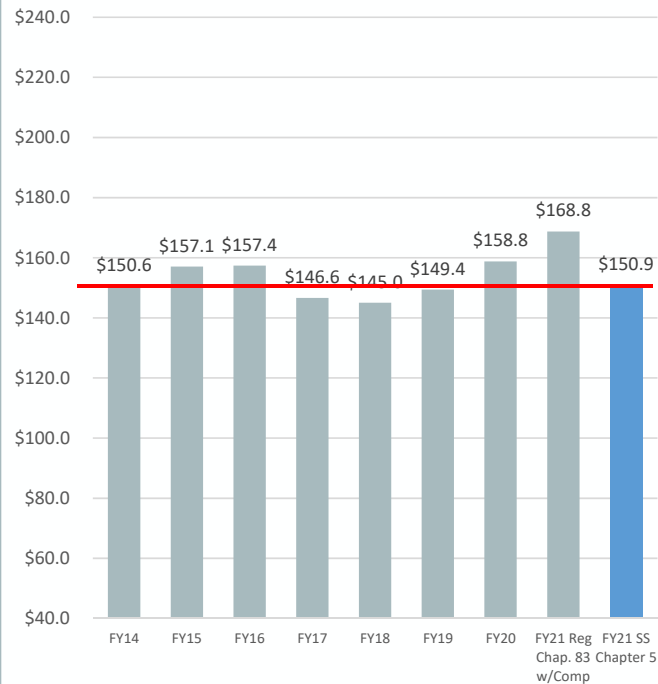
- Information Technology
- Procurement
- COVID 19 Testing (Research Institutions)
- Contact Tracing
- NMSU System Collaboration

SPECIAL SESSION BUDGET – NMSU SYSTEM

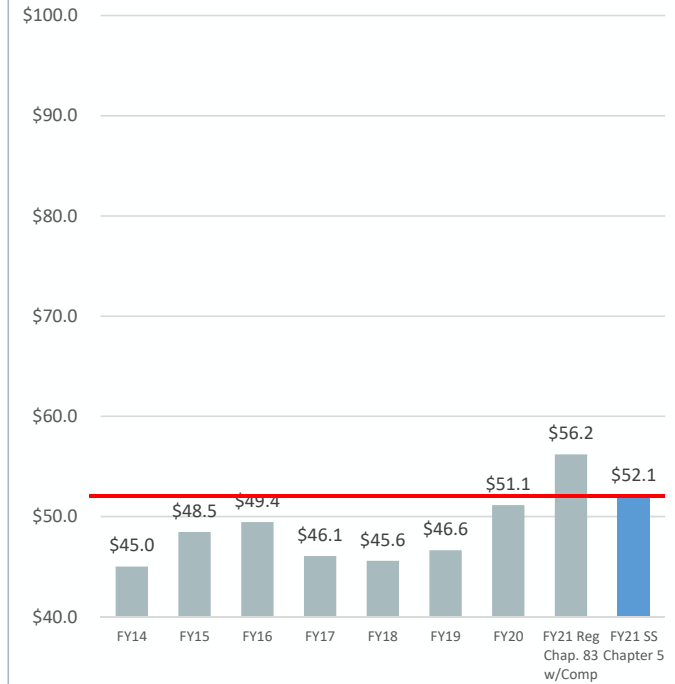
NMSU System State Appropriations
Total System Funding
\$ in millions



NMSU System State Appropriations
Total I&G System Funding
\$ in millions



NMSU System State Appropriations
Total Non I&G System Funding
\$ in millions



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COVID 19 Impacts on Athletics

- Currently sponsor 16 sports the minimum allowed by the NCAA
- 400 student-athletes participating in these 16 sports
- \$2.7 million spent on scholarships for these 400 student-athletes
- If there are no sports during FY21, anticipated revenue of \$20 million will be reduced by almost half
- Without sports revenue will be reduced in guarantee games, ticket sales, corporate sales, donations, concessions and NCAA distributions
- The decision by the PAC 12 to play conference games only, cancelled the \$1.2 million guarantee game with UCLA
- If the SEC follows the PAC 12 decision the \$1.525 million guarantee game with Florida would also be cancelled
- Overall Athletics payroll is approximately \$8.7 million with sports coaching staff and team support payroll being \$5.7 million of the total

Concluding Statements

In Summary,

- We have a strategic plan and it will guide our decisions
- We're prepared for multiple modalities and we will use an optimum mix based on local conditions
- We will actively monitor local conditions at each of our campuses and make decisions based on the best information and guidance for each location
- We cannot guarantee zero infections, but we can provide best practice accommodations. We can and will provide accommodations for the most vulnerable
- Testing and contact tracing are critical (enables much more effective planning and protections)
- We will be strategic in reducing costs and avoid across the board cuts
- We intend to make structural changes based on benchmarking of best practices at peer institutions and performance data relative to each of our functional units

Questions

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Resources

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