Town Hall
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Budget: Summary Up-Front

• Reviewed revenues and expenses over past two weeks
• The current year budget still balances.
  • No furloughs. No lay-offs.
• Summer semester credit-hour enrollment is strong.
• Still early, but we must redouble our fall enrollment effort.

We are okay for now. But, as we look forward to next year, we need to take some prudent steps to slow spending.
Revenues, Expenses and Refunds

• Some revenues impacted by pandemic:
  • Don Haskins Center events cancelled
  • NCAA payment of $1 million not received
  • Federal CARES Act one-time money for cost of shifting online

• Some expenditures also reduced:
  • Travel
  • Utilities

• Refunds:
  • Housing, parking, and dining: pro-rated refunds to students
  • $645,000 back to students
  • Some – not all – will be reimbursed from UT System
What will the Legislature do?

• Two years of state appropriations at a time:
  • FY20: September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020 “This year”
  • FY21: September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021 “Next year”

• Legislature meets in January 2021

• We must anticipate that the state may reduce funds already appropriated for FY21

• We must anticipate a reduced appropriation for FY22 and FY23
What does the State fund now?

- $114.6 million in State funds
- $146 million in net tuition & fees
- Total UTEP budget: $494.6 million
What about the Federal CARES Act?

- $24,827,599 for UTEP
- Half goes directly to students
  - UT Board of Regents will approve how we can use these funds
- Half goes to the institution and the cost of shifting to online education
  - Rules from federal Department of Education not finalized yet
- Must be spent in a year
- All “one-time” money
What do we need to do?

• Slow hiring significantly – “soft freeze”
• Hold faculty and staff salaries constant for next year
  • Except those associated with promotion and tenure review
• Enhance fall enrollment strategies – all hands
• Provost and VP for Business Affairs are working with Deans:
  • Improve section/assignment efficiency
  • Review differential tuition budgeting
  • Review unallocated instructional funds
• Monitor and apply Federal CARES Act funds wisely
What can you do?

• Stay home; work safely
• Teach well and care for our students: they will persist because of you.
• “Sharpen your saw.”
• If you are not working all your hours, consider cross-assignment to help somewhere else
Of 232 donors, 45% were faculty and staff
A final thought . . .

On October 29, 1917, the School of Mines reopened on our current site.

Less than a year later, hundreds of people in El Paso were ill with the Spanish flu.
In our first year as a university on this site, this school was shut down for over a month during a global pandemic.
And we came back.
And grew.
And prospered.

And met the needs of the community we serve.
Thank you.

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