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Mrs. Rubisoff,

A 7.8% reduction in FY 2016 appropriations for Mississippi's 15 community colleges would be \$20,404,368.00. The cuts range from a high of \$2.7 million at Hinds Community College to a low of \$676,000 at Coahoma Community College.

Below is a consolidated report provided by our community colleges that contain possible ways to absorb a potential 7.8% reduction in FY 2016 appropriations.

Personnel reduction

- Some colleges believe the number of employees related to a 7.8% budget can be handled through attrition, retirement, and not filling open positions.
- Of the schools that listed specific numbers, an elimination of approximately 55 positions would result from the 7.8% reduction.

Increase of tuition, fees, and other revenue sources

- Of the schools that listed specific amounts, the increase in tuition related to this reduction would range from 8% to 45%.

Projected reduction in services

- Some of the reduction in services that were provided by our community colleges include:
 - Capping of enrollment.
 - Reduction of offerings in the areas of athletics, fine arts, developmental education, workforce development, and student services.
 - Reduction of institutional scholarships.
 - Cut travel for students participating in national academic competitions and training program for faculty and staff.
 - Reduction of student employment on campus.

- Decrease in software upgrades, printing materials for students, and the reduction of the ability to repair equipment and facilities as the needs arise.
- Reduce travel expenses for faculty attending conferences.
- Reduce commodities and equipment purchases that would reduce educational materials, office supplies, athletic uniforms, and other supplies.
- Reduce contractual services.
- Capital outlay reductions will reduce replacement furniture in housing and reduce the ability to replace equipment that is no longer functional.
- Explore the implantation of a four day work week throughout the year to provide energy savings.
- Explore the feasibility of an increase in instructional class loads for faculty members.
- Consider a reduction in workforce development programs and staff.
- Reduce Wellness Center programs and staff.
- Restructure student counseling and advisement services.
- Elimination of some academic and workforce training programs.
- Reduce or limit availability to the Student Success Center (tutoring lab).
- Reduce or limit the number of remedial courses offered.

Please refer to the individual college responses for detail on reductions of personal and services provided and increases in tuition and fees.

Please feel free to contact me at 601-432-6345 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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