



Chairs and Directors Communication			
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TO	Department Chairs and Program Directors	FROM	Laura Woodworth-Ney, Executive Vice President and Provost Glen Nelson, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs

Dear Colleagues,

We want to thank you for your leadership during the development of the FY2021 budget and through the COVID-19 pandemic. It took a great deal of hard work, exceedingly tough decisions, and personal and organizational sacrifices. The result was a budget reduced by \$10.2 million for FY21 and an additional \$1.5 million in FY22, which eliminates our structural deficit. Additional one-time savings of \$5 million, through furloughs and salary savings, will meet the cost-cutting goals of the governor and legislature. Combined, all of these actions total \$16.7 million and put us on a path towards fiscal sustainability.

We deeply regret that these budget decisions have impacted lives and families. To make those decisions even more difficult was the extreme circumstances that the COVID-19 pandemic placed on our faculty and students. Over the last 12 weeks, we have had to change the way we see the world, including reimagining what our classrooms will look like as we move ahead. As a result of these pandemic, we are closely monitoring related expenses and Fall enrollment projections as these may require additional budgetary responses in FY22.

The changes we face, for the time being, are affecting higher education both within the state of Idaho and nationally. In these tough times, we challenge you to look to the future by creating opportunities that strengthen our bonds with our students and the communities we support. The institution will remain a leader in the state when it comes to educating students and preparing them for their future.

To develop a better understanding of ISU's new budget, a summary of the budget situation and outcomes are provided in this [Budget Balancing Overview](#). For a deeper review of the unit and college budget presentations, please go to [ISU's budget website](#) for the initial submissions and view this [Academic Affairs Summary](#) that organizes the final decisions. Additionally, President Satterlee's [budget presentation](#) provides a walk-through of this new University budget.

You are encouraged to contact either of us or your dean if you have questions. To keep up-to-date on communications, Academic Affairs will continue to post faculty and dean communications on its [COVID-19 webpage](#). Please, stay safe, and we look forward to creating opportunities with you that support our students and communities.

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