

## Budget FAQs

### Reporting

**Will Accounts Receivable and Assets reports change?** No, those reports are already on an accrual basis.

**Will PowerBI replace the AIS reports?** Yes. Power BI will replace the PLABIS reports.

**Can I still run Golden reports?** If you make sure you are gathering data on an accrual basis by using Natural Accounts (NA) 40000, 49000, 50000, 59000, 60000, and 69000. You will also need to run the reports by the accounting period (July 1 – June 30) and exclude the funding fiscal year (FFY).

**Can we obtain position budget information throughout the year?** Yes, you can request a position budget report from Julie ([jcima@siu.edu](mailto:jcima@siu.edu)) or Trent ([tmckay@siu.edu](mailto:tmckay@siu.edu)) at any time. You can also use the Salaries Report.

**What do I do if there is a salaries position that is not shown on the report?** Contact Julie ([jcima@siu.edu](mailto:jcima@siu.edu)) or Trent ([tmckay@siu.edu](mailto:tmckay@siu.edu)). They can add the line to your sheet.

**Will the budget cycle change in future years?** We plan to keep this schedule for budget development; however, we are working to develop a multi-year financial outlook so we can have information that will help with recruiting timelines.

### Funding

**Where do we put increases due to salary compression?** We are not asking individual departments to budget for salary compression. The university is engaged in a salary equity study and more information will be forthcoming after the study is completed.

**Are promotions and raises still covered centrally on state accounts?** The budget office will obtain a list of faculty promotions from the provost office and add the amount to the central raise pool in the state appropriation and income fund. Non-state funds must have the financial resources to cover all salary increases.

**Will Civil Service desk audits be covered centrally?** In the state appropriation and income fund, departments will need to manage within their personnel budgets to fund increases as a result of a desk audit. Non-state funds must have the financial resources to cover all salary increases.

**What should we do with the budget of a Term A/P position we are planning to keep?** Retain the budget for the annual salary amount on the position.

**Where do I report faculty overload?** Budget overload on the “extra comp” line.

**Where should I include appointments due to sabbatical?** Place funding for these appointments in the “other salaries” line of the budget purpose. In the notes section, please identify the position that is taking a sabbatical and how much is needed to cover the teaching load.

**What about faculty start-up?** We are exploring a new method for budgeting faculty start-up, but until that is determined, please continue to budget as you have in the past.

**What do you mean by “targets”?** Your target will be your total spending authority for the fiscal year in the state appropriation and income fund.