Data’s Impact on Policy and Institutional Appropriations

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Reports and Forms

- Budget Requests – base and 1x, compensation, tuition and fees, vehicles, etc.
- State reporting – revenue & expenditures, fiscal notes, draw schedules, business cases, COBI, transparency, etc.
- Implementation & Accountability – cost study, faculty workload, auxiliaries, waiver utilization, cost savings, efficiencies, etc.

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Examples

- Utah Academic Library Consortium ($3,410,000)
  - $3.4 million appropriation
  - Budget related and self supporting student FTE
  - Student FTE by course level
  - Regular and Adjunct faculty FTE

- Growth and Capacity ($9,073,800)
  - Budget related resident FTE by course level (incl. voc.)
  - Cost study
  - Tax vs tuition ratios

- Employee Benefits ($27,252,700)
  - Salary and benefit increases
Examples (continued)

- Hearing Impaired ($796,300)
  Actual program costs determines funding
- Performance Based ($3,850,000)
  Completions (annual awards)
  Underserved students (graduates eligible for Pell)
  Market demand (completions in 5-star jobs)
  Awards per FTE
  Research expenditures
- Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Reports
- Budget Request Initiatives
More accountability and outcomes
More emphasis on efficiencies, internal reallocations, and examples of cost savings
More data verification
More needs analysis
More staffing and resources
More darts thrown at my picture
Recent Policy Impacts

- Tuition Waivers and Reductions (R513)
  https://higheredutah.org/policies/r513-tuition-waivers-and-reductions/

- Disclosure of Foreign Donations (R545)
  https://higheredutah.org/r545-disclosure-of-foreign-donations-to-higher-education-institutions/

- Revenue Generating Activities (R553)
  https://higheredutah.org/policies/r553-revenue-generating-activities/

- Institutional Facilities Space Utilization (R751)
  https://higheredutah.org/policies/r751/
Tips and Tricks

- Prepare and set aside for a later review
- Compare numbers against prior year if possible
- Ask a co-worker to review it with one mistake added
- Share it with other people in draft form
- Look at raw data using PivotTables etc.
- Don’t let even small data errors slide
- Fix and clean historical data
- Footnote and source all reports