

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS (0135) - 2011-13 BIENNIUM -
Hi.Ed.Coord.Bd/Exec. Recommendation**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

The Institution is located in Fayetteville, Arkansas and had a total full-time equivalent enrollment of 17,912 for FY2009-10. It is a four year doctoral granting institution of higher education.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The Institution's total budget for the biennium is \$1.108 billion the first year & \$1.116 billion the second year.

FUNDING SOURCE

The budget is funded from 17% General Revenue, 1% Educational Excellence Trust Funds, with the remainder as cash funds from tuition, fees, federal funds, Tobacco Settlement Funds, and other sources.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Increase in general revenue funding of \$5.6 million for FY12 and \$13.9 million for FY13. To be used for enrollment growth faculty hiring, competitive salaries for faculty/staff, utility increases, and 1.4% salary increases; water quality and sustainability; campus safety initiative, expansion of law enforcement training programs and distance learning.

Treasury Operating appropriation increases of approx. \$2.6 million and \$10.4 million for years 1 & 2, respectively, includes requests totaling approximately \$246,000 and 542,000 years 1 & 2 for the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network (AREON), Winrock Institute, and Garvan Woodland Gardens.

Cash Operating appropriation increases of approx. \$43.3 million for AREON each year offset by a decrease in Soils Testing.

School for Math, Sciences & Arts general revenue increases of approximately \$62,000 and \$146,000 for years 1 & 2, respectively.

School for Math, Sciences & Arts Cash appropriation increases of approx. \$12 million each year.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for 2011-13 Biennium: 7,169

Total budgeted positions for FY 2010-11: 6,302

Increase/(Decrease): 867

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

* Winthrop Rockefeller Inst. Funding: Requires funding of the Rockefeller Institute \$929,000 appropriation.

* <Requests Deletion> Funding—School for Math.,Sci.&Arts: States the funds provided for the Math.,Sci.&Arts School in Revenue Stabilization Law shall be transferred to the Math.,Sci.&Arts fund from the U of A fund.

* Criminal Just. Inst. - Transfer Provision: Transfers \$150,000

from the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund to the University of Arkansas Fund for the Criminal Justice Institute for education and training to address methamphetamine activities in the State.

* ~~<Requests Deletion> Refund to Expenditures: Proceeds from investments for the Soils Testing & Research Program are deemed refunds to expenditures.~~

* Archeological Survey - Use & Disbursing Officer: Restricts the appropriation & funds allocated to the Arkansas Archeological Survey to be used for no other purpose and makes the VP for Finance & Administration the disbursing officer.

* Special Allowances: Authorizes special allowances for housing and other unusual expenses for various Athletic Departments' employees, to be paid from athletic event receipts or from contributions other than state funds, with annual reporting to the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee.

* ~~<Requested Change> Additional Payments Authorized: Authorizes additional payments to head and assistant coaches from contract generated revenue with vendors of athletic apparel, shoes, multimedia rights, & other products~~

* Apprentice Program Wages: Provides for US Dept of Labor Approved Apprentice Program guidelines to be followed with skilled trades worker positions.

* ASMSA - Summer School Employees: Allows Residential Mentors, Teachers, and Counselors of the School for Math., Sciences and Arts additional compensation not to exceed 1/10 of their annual salary for summer work.

* ASMSA - Teacher Grant Funding Provision: Payment of additional compensation to School for Mathematics and Sciences teachers of to 1/10 of their annual salary for writing grants and publishing papers and not to be paid from General Revenue or Educational Excellence funds.

* ~~<Requests Deletion> Division of Agri. - Laboratory: Previously Amended Ark. Code to transfer the Springdale Laboratory from the Livestock and Poultry Commission to the Division of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas.~~

* Fund Balances: Requires certification to the State CFO and the Legislative Council that, as of December 31 of each year, sufficient funds & appropriations are or will be available to meet all obligations; to be filed by February 28th or upon release of the previous year's audit by Legislative Audit and to include the preceding fiscal year's financial statement.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT LANGUAGE BELOW

* ~~<Requests Deletion> Carry Forward: Allows for the carry forward of appropriations made from tobacco settlement funds and requires agency justification, reporting by DFA Budget, and agency status report prior to budget hearings with DFA inclusion in budget manuals.~~

* Transfer Restrictions: Prohibits any transfers among tobacco settlement funds appropriations except as provided in the Act

containing the appropriations.

* Transfer Provisions: Allows transfer of tobacco funds appropriations between line items with approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, Dept. of Higher Education & Legislative Council and includes non-severability language.

* Positions: States that it is not the commitment of the State to continue any position funded from tobacco settlement funds if those funds become insufficient.

* Compliance: States fiscal control laws and regulations are to be complied with.

* Intent: States that disbursements are to be in accordance with Initiated Act 1 of 2000, budget manuals, and testimony relating to the appropriation act.