

From: [Lisa Aarli](#)

To: [Tyler Junger](#)

Date: Fri, 26 Jun 2009 14:40:22 -0500

Subject: info on 128 cuts

Attachment(s): 2

Hello everyone,

Tyler asked for this information to be passed on to you. The attached sheet was given to me on Wednesday, June 24. Under the Fund 128 distribution section, look at line 4 (Dean of Students) – this line describes the amount the state wants from ASM. While much is not at all clear in this document, here is what we know about each column.

- * 2% salaries column refers to the pay increase that staff will not be receiving for the next biennium

- * furlough refers to the 8 days each year that staff will take off unpaid (it sounds like the state will be deducting 3% from our salaries to take this portion, however final instructions and rules for furloughs have not been decided)

- * 1% reduction refers to an across the board budget cut that will happen each year – in 09–10 and in 10–11.

- * the one-time refers to dollars that will be taken in 09–10 only and probably refers to reserves, although that needs to be confirmed

- * the total of \$286,360 is money the state wishes to take from the total ASM budget, including internal, GSSFs, ancillaries, and maybe bus pass although we are not sure about that

Much in this document still remains unclear.

In addition, ASM staff looked at this doc yesterday and did a group brainstorm. I have also attached the questions and ideas we generated for you to use as you see fit. I will send out the numbers document to CC, SC and SSFC but will let you decide if you want to share the staff brainstorm with everyone at this point in time.

Please let me know how staff can assist.

Lisa

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Cuts to 128 Funds

Staff Brainstorm 6/24/09

Questions:

1. When was this document written? There is no date on it.
2. How do these figures break out by budget? We need more clarity on what these numbers represent.
3. According to an email from Bill Richner on April 1, 2009, ODOS may choose to handle budget reductions within the division in their own manner. How is ODOS planning to handle this?
4. Is the entirety of the ODOS budget line coming from ASM or other 128 funds within the division? If so, why?
5. If these numbers are based on the '08 end of year, many GSSF budgets have already been cut for '09 – '10. How does this affect the numbers? How accurately do the numbers reflect 09-10 budgets?
6. What is the 1% cut from? Since 128 budget cuts end up in reserves and the state is taking reserves, aren't they taking the money twice?
7. Is this document set in stone – without the state budget yet passed and without seg fees approved yet by the Regents? What is the actual time line on this?
8. What does ASM have in reserve? What if reserves don't end up at the levels they planned?
9. Do the 2% salary cuts reflect represented employees? Has the number been adjusted if the unions are not agreeing to the salary cuts?
10. Do these include student salaries?
11. Since we don't know the plan yet for how furloughs will be implemented, how is this number being estimated?
12. What if state budgets don't get passed until Nov or Dec, like last biennium?
13. How do these cuts to seg fees connect to the Madison Initiative? According to Bill Richner, these 128 funds are supposed to pay for financial aid.
14. Are the FP&M cuts only coming from Transportation Services? Is this in addition to budget cuts already made?
15. Do the 2% salary cut and furlough figures reflect one year or two? Does the 1% reduction reflect one year or two?

Possible courses of action:

1. Determine what questions need to be answered, research done, in order to make fully informed decisions.
2. Determine who can answer your questions, i.e. Bill Richner, Donna Halleran, etc.
3. Speak with former ASM students and with former ASM director Alison Rice, who were here when state tried to raid 128 funds in 03-05. Student fought it and got an exemption.
4. Comply fully with the request.
5. Fight fully against the request.
6. Comply some and fight some. (What are the political ramifications for complying or not complying?)
7. Any course chosen – need to decide on a clear message.

8. Explore legal option to challenge this raid.
9. These numbers and percentages are calculated based on 08 end of year. Get end of year report for 07 – 08 and compare to budgets for 09 - 10. How do they differ?
10. Plan for how to get input from other students – ASM leaders, RSOs, GSSFs, student body at large.
11. Plan for how to communicate with other students – ASM leaders, RSOs, GSSFs, student body at large.
12. Consider what student body thinks in larger context of what's happening in the state. This document calls for \$6.5 million in student fees.
13. Identify allies – who else impacted? Bring groups together to discuss.
14. Fight this because ASM supported Madison Initiative. Or withdraw support for MI.
15. Identify and plan for worse case scenario.
16. Keep staff informed (and/or involved).
17. Determine how ASM by-laws and constitution impact course of action.
18. Determine what is most ethical course of action.
19. Call special session of Student Council or set timeline to accommodate July 12 SC and SSFC meetings.

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> Hi Everyone,
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> you think appropriate. Are you planning to meet sometime tomorrow? Is
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Wow – you're ambitious! Yesterday staff did some brainstorming around this issue and I'd like to share that with you. (See attached list) Some of our framing questions included the following:

1. What questions should ASM be asking in order to make decisions about how to proceed?
2. What are the various courses of action that ASM could take?
3. How will ASM communicate with other students (since this impacts all students) about this situation?

Obviously those decisions reside with leadership, but I would ask that staff be kept informed and involved to the extent you wish. I think staff have some thoughtful questions and ideas – and experience with previous raids by the state on 128s. The main suggestion I have at this point for you is to figure out what you need to know in order to make decisions and how to gain access to that information.

Would you like to check in via phone this weekend sometime? I am busy Saturday morning and Sunday morning but am available otherwise. Let me know what would be most useful to you.

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