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State Budget

The Board of Trustees passed the change in tuition and fees for 2009-10 and 2010-11 years and the conceptual budget for fiscal year 2010 after an extended special session of the legislature. Over the next two years the West Lafayette campus will lose almost \$21 million in recurring operating appropriations from the state. Although this has been backfilled with stimulus funding these funds will be used for onetime expenses like repair and rehabilitation projects. A full report of the budget can be found on the Board of Trustees web site under minutes and documents for the July 9th Finance Committee at the following link.

<https://www2.itap.purdue.edu/bot/documents.cfm?committeeName=Finance&meetingDate=07/09/2009>

2010 Medical Plan Options

Along with the traditional PPO and Arnett HMO plan, an account based health plan will be available for 2010. The names of existing plans will likely change for the next year due to the change over to Cigna, but the plans will essentially be the same except for small changes here and there. Preliminary estimates are that a large number of current Purdue employees could see decreased costs immediately with the new account based health plan. The advantage of a health savings plan (HSA) is that the money put into it rolls over from year to year. The plan encourages healthy life style choices. HSA's are coupled with higher deductibles as required by the Internal Revenue Service and PPO options apply after the deductible has been met.

HR Benefits and Worklife staff have collaborated to schedule information sessions on this new plan. Please visit <http://www.purdue.edu/hr/WorkLife/Welcome.html> to sign up for one of these. They can be a very valuable resource so that staff are aware of specifics before the 2010 plan year starts.

The session also meets the requirements for a Healthy Purdue Red Apple. You can check your 2009 apples by visiting the same link as above and clicking on "Check My Apples."

Investment Options

The task force that made a presentation in April is looking at investment options. Request for proposals were sent out and the University has received 5 bids from interested companies. Ennis Knupp is working with the task force to review the information now. The goal of the task force is to share the consolidated information in August and have some decisions made for a recommendation in September. To review the FAQ's page about this, go to: <http://www.purdue.edu/hr/Benefits/retirementTaskForceFAQs.html>

Purdue North Central

Purdue North Central (PNC) is one of the Universities regional campuses. The APSAC committee was able to visit the campus for their July meeting and it was quite a valuable experience. Here are some fast facts about PNC. More information is available at <http://www.pnc.edu/>.

- 19 undergraduate degrees are offered
- They have 4,000 students approximately
- They also serve the Westville Correctional Facility and Michigan City prison inmates
- The largest majority of their students are 18-22 year olds with a majority from the Indiana area. A good portion of their graduates stay in Indiana to work and live upon finishing their degrees.

If you are going to be in the Westville, Indiana area anytime, PNC also has some very interesting art and sculptures. Some are owned by the University and some are leased. You can get more information by visiting <http://www.pnc.edu/odyssey/exhibits.html>. If you have questions, comments, or would like to schedule a personalized tour, please contact Elizabeth Bernel at the PNC campus at ebernel@purdue.edu.