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## Purdue Global

Please report on the financial health of Purdue Global including the impact on Purdue main campus

From Purdue's audited financials, Purdue Global's revenues were \$460M, \$471M, and \$435M in FY23, FY22, and FY21, respectively. Purdue Global had a modest loss in FY23 (-\$6.7m) arising from additional investments in academic and student success. In FY22 and FY21, Purdue Global had small surpluses (\$10.3m and \$5.3m, respectively). The 3-year average is a surplus of 0.66% on annual operating budget. There is no impact on Purdue University West Lafayette.

Purdue Global's financial statement is included as part of the official Purdue [annual financial report](#). A [summary](#) was also shared at Purdue Global's August Board meeting.

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Our College of Veterinary Medicine is critical to Purdue's research, teaching, and engagement missions. The recent \$108 million commitment to the David and Bonnie Brunner Purdue Veterinary Medical Hospital Complex is one important step toward further strengthening academic and research excellence in veterinary medicine and related sciences. Faculty across the College of Veterinary Medicine have increased sponsored funding from \$11 million in FY 2021 to more than \$15 million in FY 2023. Veterinary Medicine has recruited two of the first Moveable Dream Hires, based on increased access to interdisciplinary research space across campus along with the R&R funding that is often invested as part of the Moveable Dream Hires process.

## Student Stipends and Housing

Could you please elaborate on the mechanisms and measures the University has established to ensure that the recent minimum stipend increase does not lead to the elimination of graduate student appointments within departments, particularly in non-STEM colleges where there's already a discrepancy in pay compared to other colleges? There have been reports, as shared by a fellow graduate student, suggesting explicit verbal statements indicating that the College of Education intends to eliminate 12 to 15 appointments due to the recent stipend increase.

Deans make decisions for each college on the number of assistantships, overall stipend levels (at or above the university minimum), and funding distributions within their college based on their priorities in a given year and on the talent

competition with other universities in the same discipline. Colleges will receive an increase in recurring funds to support graduate student stipends similar to the staff/faculty merit increase percentage.

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Please see answer to the previous question. Central support to Colleges for graduate students follows the same policy across Colleges.

We will also be asking all programs to do an analysis of the graduate stipends of direct competitors with the goal of maintaining or enhancing competitiveness for the best graduate students. This analysis will assist in determining if additional resources are needed to achieve discipline-specific competitive stipends.

Working with Sponsored Programs, we are also developing revised guidance for sponsored projects that more proactively budget graduate stipends for later budget cycles to help avoid shortfalls in stipend funding.

There are concerns about the exploitation of both graduate and undergraduate students by landlords in the greater Lafayette area, contributing to a housing crisis. Although there are future building plans, the current situation remains critical. Are there immediate actionable plans that the university is considering to address the housing crisis resulting from a larger student population on campus than ever before?

Purdue has committed to plateauing enrollment for the upcoming year and the local community will be adding 1,000 additional beds by the fall semester. The Off-Campus Housing office assists students with navigating issues when seeking off-campus housing and other resources to aid in the process. The office also keeps a finger on the pulse of available housing in the local market to assist in a search according to a student's wants and needs.

The Student Legal Services (SLS) office assists students with property owner disputes. SLS and Off-Campus Housing work hard to communicate and assist students to understand tenant rights and responsibilities.

Purdue is committed to addressing long-term housing demand. Purdue has increased on-campus housing by 20% over the last four years. Planning and construction are underway for two new housing projects, which will add about 1,900 beds to campus. Purdue will have added a greater percentage of student housing beds than the undergraduate enrollment growth over the same period once these projects are complete.

## Purdue University Indianapolis

What does the future of University Senate seats look like with respect to the Purdue Indianapolis seats being added in?

We respectfully defer to Senate Leadership since the reapportionment process is defined by Article 2.01 of the Bylaws of The University Senate.

Parliamentarian's note: As per the Bylaws, the Senate reapportions itself each November for the coming year based on the current number of faculty members in each unit. Senate years run from July to July. The presence of tenure-track and clinical faculty members who are newly homed with Purdue West Lafayette will be reflected in next year's reapportionment. The Faculty Affairs Committee is looking into the issue of members who are tenured to the university, and will make a recommendation as to how they might be represented in the University Senate. Currently, IUPUI has two voting Senators. These Senators will cease to serve once IUPUI is officially dissolved in July.

How does the University envision the role of student government when it comes to the inclusion of Purdue Indianapolis? Will PSG and PGSG senate include students from Purdue Indianapolis as representatives?

Purdue Student Government (PSG) and Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) have not yet finalized plans for representation, but both groups currently intend to include students from West Lafayette and Indianapolis. Representation is ultimately up to student government. The Senate may wish to consult PSG and PGSG leaders for their most current thinking on this matter.

Will graduate staff from Purdue West Lafayette, especially from the Computer Science department, be required to assist with courses, research, or administration at Purdue Indianapolis campus in the future?

We anticipate graduate students at the Indianapolis location will fulfill these needs. If additional TAs are needed beyond the graduate students currently enrolled in Indianapolis, students at the West Lafayette location will have the opportunity to apply for these positions. Compensation for West Lafayette TAs will consider travel to the Indianapolis location.

### Course Withdrawal Dates

Are there any plans to revert the deadline of course withdraw to pre-pandemic date?

Pandemic-related adjustments to the course withdrawal dates were temporary and short lived. The University reverted to pre-pandemic withdrawal dates several semesters ago. Post-pandemic, in Spring 2023 the EPC and University Senate revised the add/drop deadlines (see [Senate Document 22-23](#) for details including rationale) to what they are today (see [academic regulations](#)). Given the recent consideration and deliberation by the Senate on the topic, the university does not plan to suggest further revision.