

Valley City State University
 Budget No. 242
 Senate Bill Nos. 2003 and 2196

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 legislative appropriations	202.75	\$20,516,098	\$50,970,657	\$71,486,755
2017-19 base budget	105.59	23,218,126	0	23,218,126
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	97.16	(\$2,702,028)	\$50,970,657	\$48,268,629

NOTE: The 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriations reflect a change in reporting methods for North Dakota University System FTE positions and includes the appropriation of certain special funds. See the **FTE Positions and Special Funds Appropriations Reporting Change** section below for additional information.

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2017-19 legislative appropriations	\$20,429,502	\$86,596	\$20,516,098
2015-17 adjusted legislative appropriations	23,218,126	13,998,396	37,216,522
2017-19 legislative increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(\$2,788,624)	(\$13,911,800)	(\$16,700,424)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2015-17 adjusted appropriations	(12.0%)	(99.4%)	(44.9%)

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for University System institutions did not include funding for employee salary increases.

Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Decreased per-credit distribution amounts through the higher education funding formula.		(\$2,818,992)		(\$2,818,992)
Adjusted funding distributed through the higher education funding formula to reflect changes in completed student credit-hours.		(224,696)		(224,696)
Added funding for an inflationary adjustment to provide funding for employee health insurance premium rate increases.		255,064	\$297,744	552,808
Provided one-time funding for campus operations.		86,596		86,596

Added one-time funding from revenue bonds for the integrated carbon plant project. (Senate Bill No. 2196)			22,500,000	22,500,000
Appropriated special funds pursuant to the special fund appropriation reporting change.			28,172,913	28,172,913
Adjusted FTE positions, including the authorization of positions supported by special funds.	97.16			
Total	<u>97.16</u>	<u>(\$2,702,028)</u>	<u>\$50,970,657</u>	<u>\$48,268,629</u>

FTE Positions and Special Funds Appropriations Reporting Change

The 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriations include authorization of all FTE positions for institutions and entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, including positions supported by special funds. Previously, only FTE positions supported by the general fund were authorized. The 2017-19 biennium legislative appropriations also include appropriation authority of all special funds received by the University System office and institutions. Previously, special funds appropriations for the University System office and institutions were provided only for certain items, such as capital projects.

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly authorized 202.75 FTE positions for Valley City State University for the 2017-19 biennium, an increase of 97.16 FTE positions from the number authorized by the 2015 Legislative Assembly. The adjustment for FTE positions reflects the authorization of positions supported by special funds and adjustments made by institutions to positions supported by the general fund.

One-Time Funding

The Legislative Assembly appropriated the following one-time funding for Valley City State University for the 2017-19 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
One-time campus operations distribution	\$86,596		\$86,596
Integrated carbon plant project (revenue bonds)		\$22,500,000	22,500,000
Total	\$86,596	\$22,500,000	\$22,586,596

Capital Project

The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2196, authorized the integrated carbon plant project at Valley City State University. The bill authorized the State Board of Higher Education to issue \$22.5 million of revenue bonds for the project and appropriated the bond proceeds to the institution.

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2003

Health insurance increase - Section 2 identifies the amount of funding included in the bill for employee health insurance premium increases.

Education challenge grants - Sections 4 and 5 continue the education challenge grant program statutory language and provide for the distribution of \$2 million of funds to eligible institutions.

Capital projects - Section 6 requires University System capital projects to conform to campus master plan and space utilization studies and requires a maintenance reserve account for projects over \$5 million. **(The Governor vetoed this section.)**

Audits of institution foundations - Section 10 limits the types of donor information that can be accessed during an audit of an institution foundation.

Carryover authority - Section 12 continues the authorization through July 31, 2019, for institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to carry over unexpended appropriations at the end of a biennium.

Additional income - Section 14 appropriates any additional special funds received by entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to the respective entities.

Project management oversight - Section 15 requires capital projects authorized by the State Board of Higher Education to have adequate project oversight by an institution official or representative of an external entity.

Transfer authority - Section 20 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to transfer funds from an institution's operations to the institution's capital assets line item.

FTE positions - Section 21 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds, for institutions and entities under its control.

Tuition rate increase limit - Section 27 limits resident undergraduate tuition rate increases to 4 percent per year during the 2017-19 biennium. There is no limit for graduate programs or for nonresident tuition rates.

Extraordinary repairs matching funds - Section 28 requires institutions to match state extraordinary repairs funding on a \$2 to \$1 basis using operations or other funding.

Employee reductions - Section 38 provides legislative intent that if an institution reduces FTE positions, any reductions are to be applied among all classifications of employees with emphasis on senior administrator positions. The section also requires reports to the Legislative Management regarding employee reductions, including whether any employees in an administrative position have been transferred to a different position at an institution.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1030 - Legislative approval of campus improvements - Increases the minimum cost of higher education campus improvements that require the consent of the Legislative Assembly or the Budget Section from \$385,000 to \$700,000 and removes the authority of the Budget Section to approve the construction of any new building or any addition to a building under the control of the State Board of Higher Education.

Senate Bill No. 2013 - Permanent funds distributions - Provides distributions to University System institutions from permanent funds established for the benefit of the institutions.

Senate Bill No. 2193 - Jurisdiction of University System campus law enforcement officers - Clarifies the areas of jurisdiction for campus police officers at institutions that have a campus police department.

Senate Bill No. 2196 - Valley City State University integrated carbon plant - Authorizes the issuance of \$22.5 million of revenue bonds for the construction of an integrated carbon plant at Valley City State University.

Senate Bill No. 2295 - Open records exemption for research and federal Title IX records - Provides an exemption from state open records laws for certain research information and federal Title IX records at University System institutions.