

Budget & Priorities Committee  
Portland State University

Criteria for Budget Reduction Scenarios  
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The Budget & Priorities Committee believes that the crucial criterion for budgetary decisions in the face of prospective budgetary stringencies is the goal of maintaining the University's growth trajectory, as outlined in the University's planning documents. PSU's growth trajectory includes several elements (which are not listed in priority order; we consider them interdependent and thus coequal):

- Growth in enrollment together with proportionate growth in human resources, facilities, technologies, and training necessary to provide larger numbers of students in a high quality educational experience.
- Growth in the regional, statewide, national, and international recognition the University receives for its innovative educational programs, scholarship of distinction, and research capacity/productivity.
- Growth in the public-private partnerships and in related entrepreneurial activities, which are necessitated by a continuing decline in state assistance to the University.
- Growth in multiple funding streams that include, among others, research funding and private fund raising and in the infrastructure and incentives necessary to sustain that.

This criterion and its related elements are drawn from the University's "Values and Vision Statement," PSU's draft "Institutional Priorities," President Bernstine's Convocation Address, the Senior Executive Enrollment Management Committee's Proposal and the Council of Academic Deans "Strategic Resource Management Principles."