University of Alaska

Board of Regents Audit Committee

May 13, 2020

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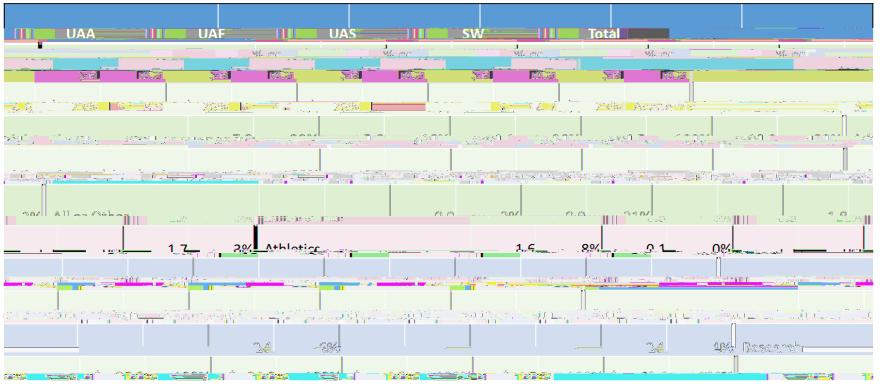
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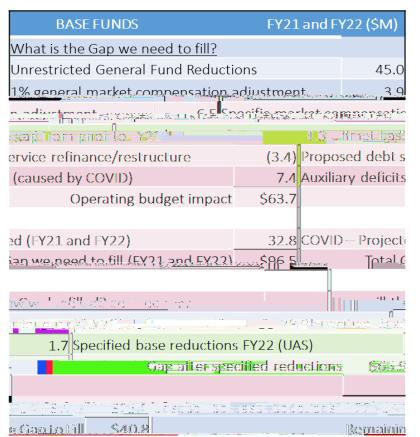
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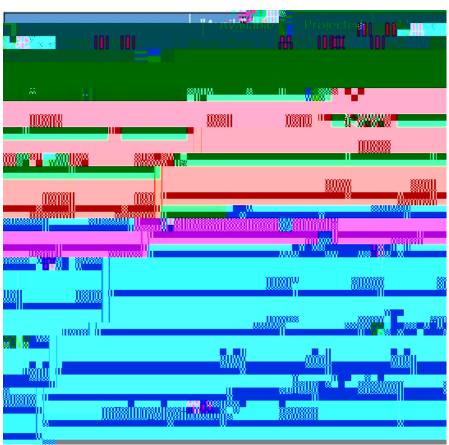
MAUs cost savings projected for FY21 and FY22*



^{*} Includes both "specified" and "unspecified" reductions for FY21 and FY22. Additional detail in Appendix.

The current plans leave a \$41M - \$66M gap in FY22

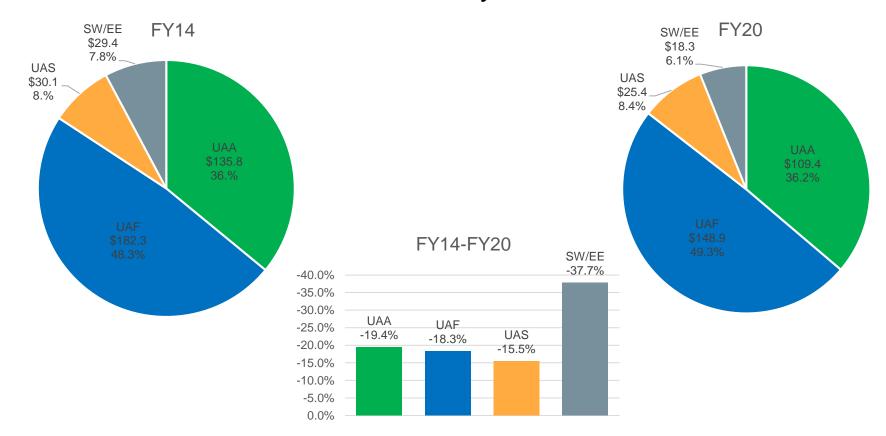




Cost cutting requires cuts to programs and people

^{*} Academic Programs & Student Services includes the following NCHEMS categories: Academic Support, Instruction, Intercollegiate

UGF reductions have been taken by all MAUs



Our costs are high overall, but higher in certain areas

NCHEMS compared UA costs as a system, UA's universities, and UA Statewide to peer benchmarks (Cost Analysis, March 11, 2020).

UA's costs are higher overall, due in part, to higher cost of living in Alaska, broader reach of UA service area, and higher research productivity than peers.

On a per student basis:

- higher in full-time faculty, part-time faculty, full-time management, and full-time administration support
- lower in full-time academic support, full-time finance, and full-time IT administration (all MAUs together) is 170% of peers, but SW's share is lower than peer systems after pass-through removed

Based on our enrollment, we need to right-size

NCHEMS used adjusted IPEDS* data to compare UA FTE student ratios as a system and UA's universities to peers on FT staff, FTE instructional faculty, and FT management (2020 review of 2017-2018 IPEDS data).

	Staff % over (under) peers	Faculty % over (under) peers	Management % over (under) peers
UAA	(46)	15	(3)
UAF	(41)	34	49
UAS	14	39	50
UA system	(20)	24	40

Provost Emeritus Susan Henrichs, using IPEDS data but a different method (excluding part-time faculty and comparing UA to low population density states), reported in April 2020:

UA 14% high on instructional faculty

UA 6% high on management; comparable on staff

^{*} Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) includes data from all U.S. universities. The data are imperfect, but IPEDS is the single most authoritative source of higher education data in the U.S.

Planning for FY21-22 with prudent guidelines

Base UGF budget at \$257M by end of FY22 Include COVID cost and revenue impacts
Personnel

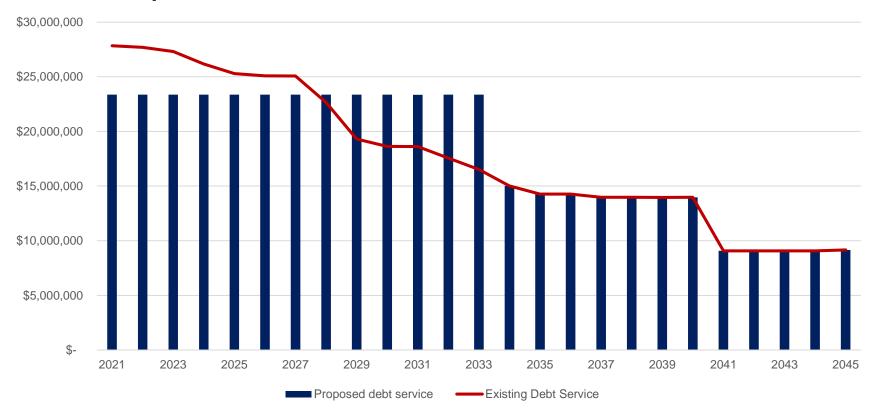
Furloughs may be used only if applied to all employee groups (with exception of already implemented furlough of officers, senior administrators, and non-rep faculty)

Planned compensation increases may be postponed only if applied to all employee groups, subject to Board approval

Conditions on use of one-time funds

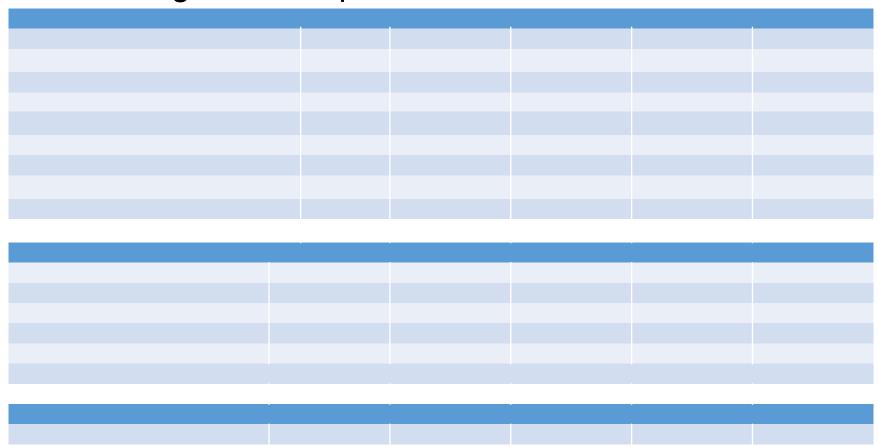
UFB may be used to "bridge" if UFB ≥2% of expenses at end of FY20 and ≥4% at end of FY22 Debt reserve may be used to "bridge" to new base, but may be no less than one-half the maximum annual debt service payment at end of FY22 Debt refinancing may be used

It will help to refinance and restructure debt now

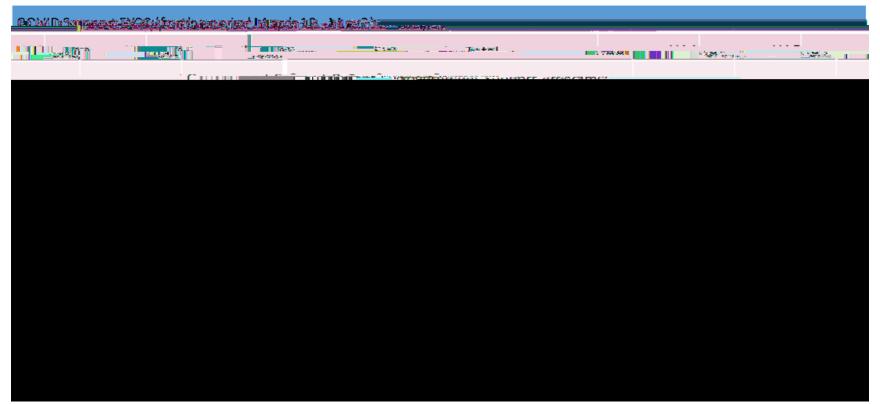


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COVID magnifies the problem



COVID relief funds help, but they are not enough



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The Board's Challenge/Opportunity

Status Quo

Continued incremental, pro-rata distribution of cuts

Ongoing incremental academic and administrative integration

Transformation

Additional academic and administrative integration

Revision of budget allocation model, so not pro-rata

Structural change, e.g., mergers, closures, changes of mission

Appendix

Our action must be guided by principles

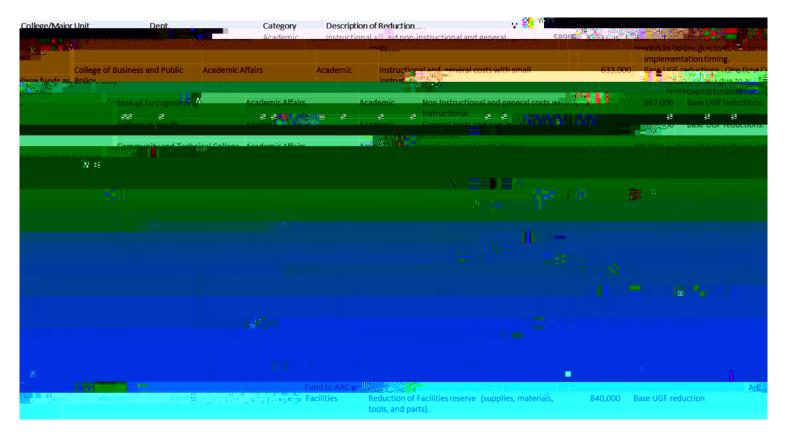
- Clear recognition of our serious fiscal challenges
- Timely decision making for strategic direction
- Primacy of the needs of our state for accessible, affordable, quality education, workforce training, research and service programs over our own institutional interests
- Strong commitment to preserving what is core to our mission combined with a commitment to adapt and change
- Consultation with key internal and external stakeholders
- **Expeditious implementation**
- Fidelity to our values

Our action must live up to our values

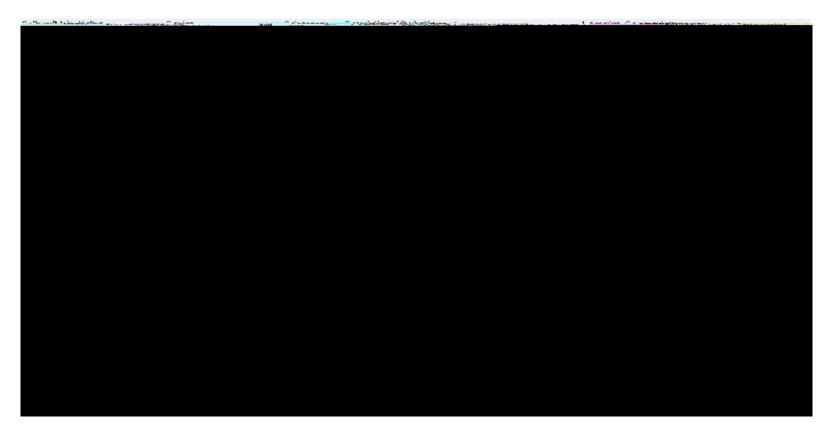
MAU cost reduction details



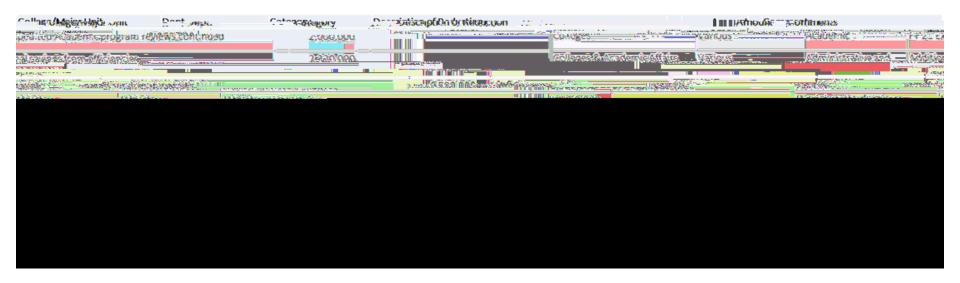
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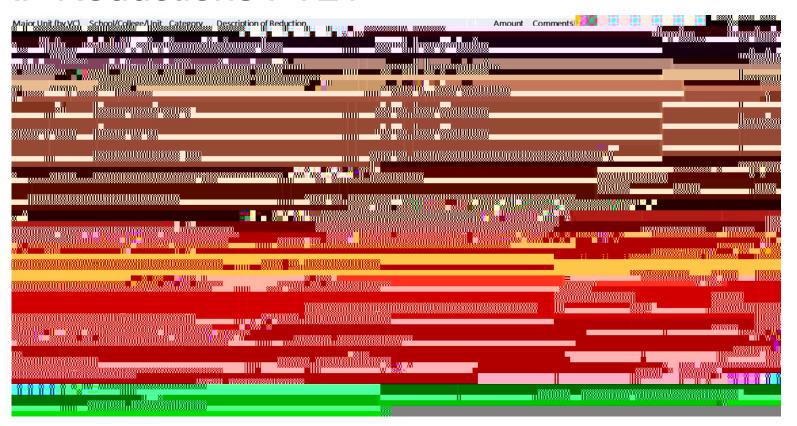
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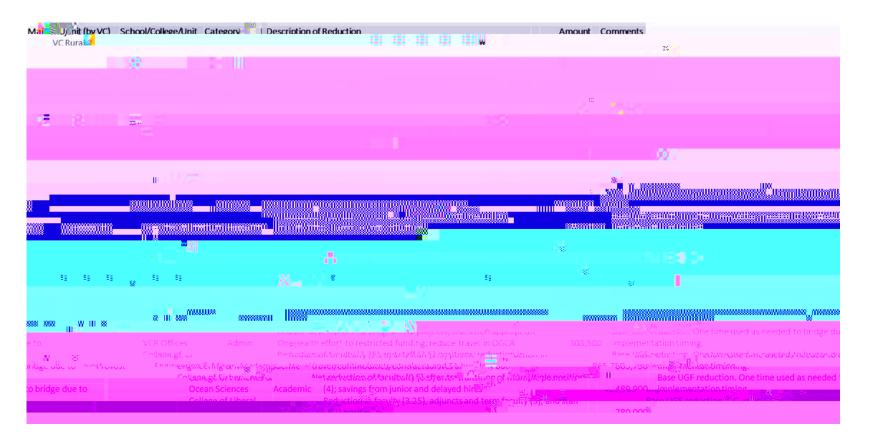
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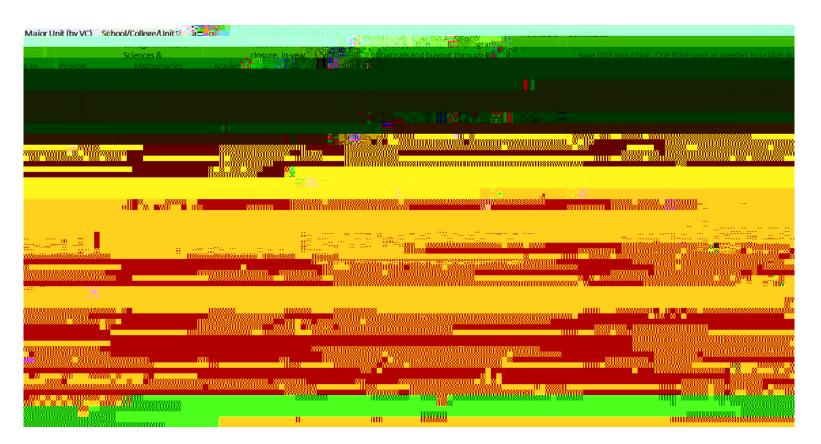
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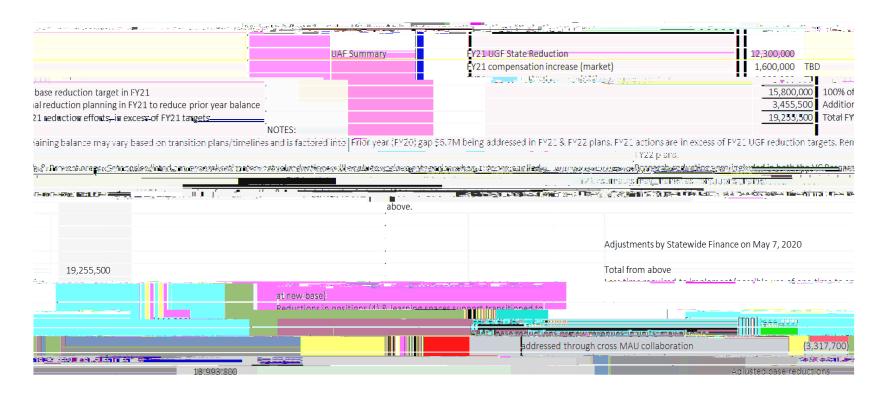
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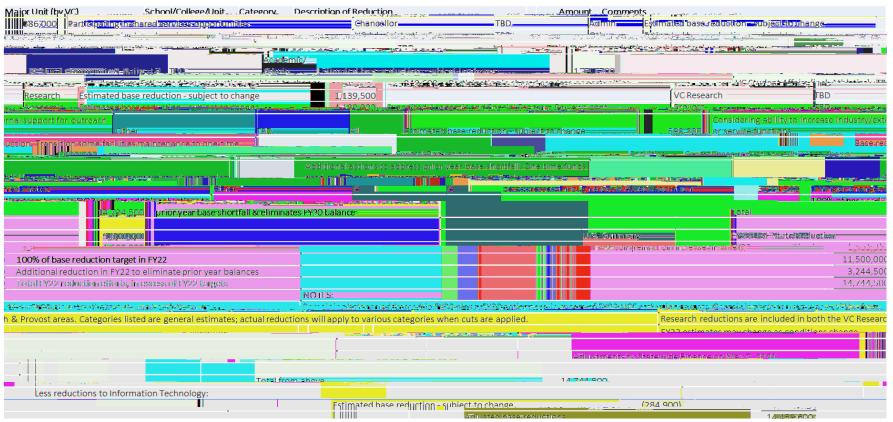
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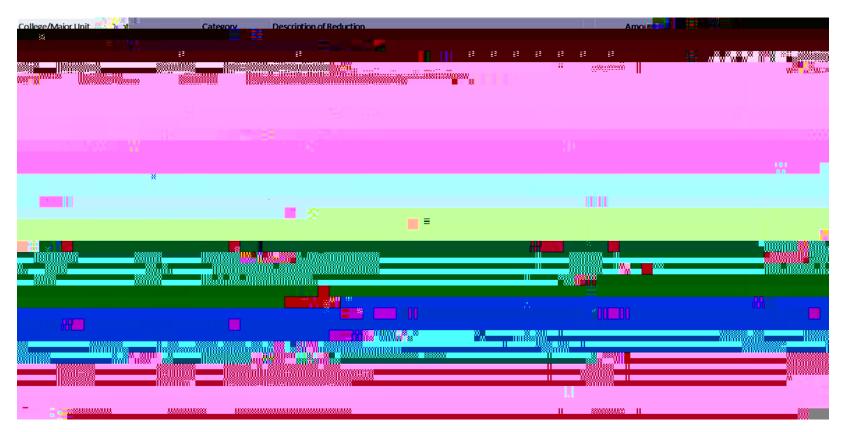
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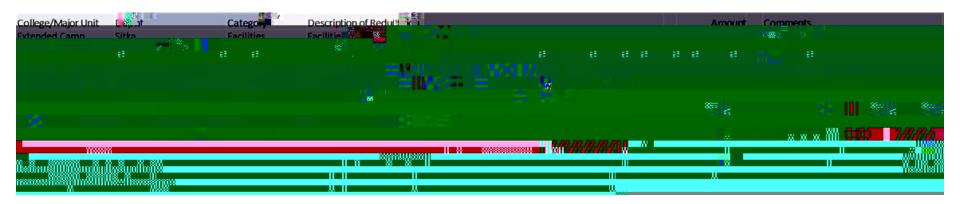
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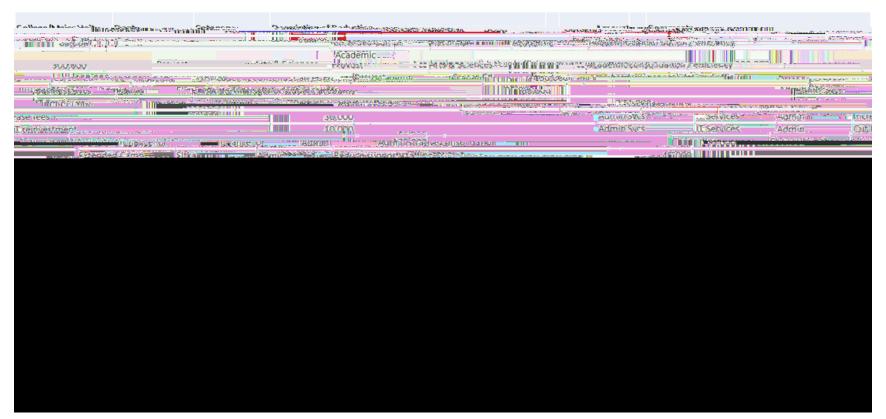
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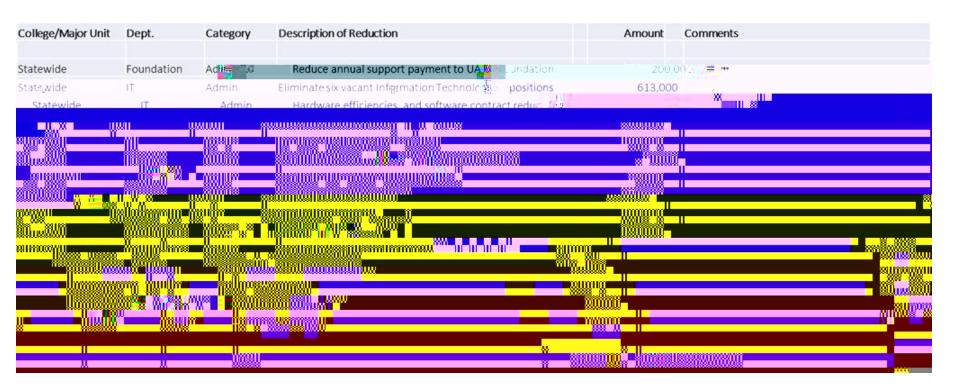
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UAS Reductions FY22



SW Reductions FY21



SW Reductions FY22

