

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – “The newly approved [state budget](#) makes a meaningful and much needed commitment to Arizona’s public universities. We applaud Governor Ducey and the growing number of legislators from both parties who have been university champions this session, as well as countless supporters who have worked tirelessly for Arizona students and their continued access to a quality, affordable university education. The budget recognizes and makes clear that public universities are a priority to promote individual opportunity and growth for our state.

“With \$32 million in additional funding, we can begin making new investments in education programming and address some of the long-delayed capital improvements across our campuses. We are especially pleased this budget devotes more than \$8 million in recurring funds to our new funding model, which prioritizes state dollars to support the education of Arizona resident students. This model, part of the newly adopted strategic plan, has won the support of business and community groups statewide, as well as the students themselves. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview of the FY 2017 state appropriations for the Arizona public university enterprise.)

“Efforts to stabilize the state budget are especially important since universities are one of the largest
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“In the meantime, we are grateful for a budget that marks a long-anticipated,