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SI 626 – Management of Libraries and Information Services

Class Nine: Financial

Management I - Budgeting



Overview

- Leadership.
- Budgets and budgeting.
 - Cost analysis.
- Conclusion.



- Learning Objectives
 - To develop an understanding of theories and principles of leadership.
 - To promote critical thinking and reflexivity about library leadership.



What is leadership?

Leadership traits and styles

Decision making

Why libraries need leadership



Mini-paper:

- Think about a leader whom you admire and reflect on the following questions.
 - What makes her/him a good leader?
 - What personality traits does this leader seem to exhibit?
 - How would you describe his/her leadership style?
 - What impact has this person had on you (if any)?



- What is leadership?
 - Behaviour in context
 - A role: power and vision
 - A relationship: leaders, followers
 - An experience
 - Shareable: can occur at various levels of an organization
 - Achievable: can be developed
 - A catalyst for change
 - A key factor in organizational success



Management	Leadership
Coping with complexity: order, consistency	Coping with change: to help survive, compete
Planning and budgeting; implementation	Setting a direction – creates vision and strategies
Organization and staffing	Aligning people: communicating, credibility, empowerment
Administering, controlling and problem-solving	Motivating and inspiring: energy, human needs

(Kotter, 1990; Stueart & Moran, 2007)



Management	Leadership
Asks: how and when?	Asks: what and why?
Qualities of the mind	Qualities of the soul
Focus: systems and structure	Focus: people
Short-range view	Long-range perspective
Does things right	Does the right thing



Traits

- Personality extraversion, conscientiousness, openness, neuroticism
- Emotional intelligence self-awareness, selfmanagement, social awareness, social skill

(Goleman, 2000; O'Connor, 2007; Roberts & Rowley, 2008; Stueart & Moran, 2007)



Behavioral Styles

- Autocratic, democratic*, laissez-faire
- Consideration-initiating structure
- Production-centered, employee-centered*, mixed
- Likert's Four Systems of Leadership:
 - 1) Exploitative-authoritative;
 - 2) Benevolent-authoritative;
 - 3) Consultative; and
 - 4) Participative



Behavioral Styles

- Concerns re: productivity or human relations (Blake & Mouton's Leadership Grid):
 - Team Management (high-high)
 - Country Club Management (low-high)
 - Authority-Compliance (high-low)
 - Middle of the road (medium-medium)
 - Impoverished Management (low-low)
- Transformational transformation of self interest to that or organization vs. Transactional
- "Post-heroic" humility and will



- Styles in context (Situational/contingency)
 - Contingency model with situational variables:
 Leader-member relations, task structure,
 power position combinations aligned with
 task-oriented and relationship-oriented styles
 - Path-goal theory: directive, supportive, participative and achievement-oriented leadership applied according to worker characteristics and environmental factors



- A leader's most important judgment calls:
 - People
 - Strategy
 - Responding to crises



- Process model of decision making
 - Preparation
 - Sense and frame issue; align team members
 - Decision
 - Implementation
 - Never stop learning and adjusting "redo loops"
- A leadership "storyline".



Preparation

- Ongoing and habitual helps with early detection
- Sensing issues
- "Framing and naming" issues
- Engage and energize stakeholders around the issue
- Re-do loop



Decision

- Clear decision, clearly explained
- Re-do loops if needed



Implementation

- Leader should stay involved
- Mobilization of people, information and technology
- Clear goals
- Continuous feedback
- Re-do loops



Example:

- Strategic planning, partnership development, consultations.
- Competitive funding call, with possibility of loss of funding.
- New funding streams announced.
- Other organizations plan to compete.
- Do we submit funding proposals in new funding streams?



Why Leadership

- Why do we need leaders?
 - Your reflections



Why Leadership

- Why do we need leaders?
 - To anticipate or initiate change
 - To make things happen
 - To ensure competitiveness
 - To bring us together
 - To challenge us



Why Leadership

- Need for library leadership
 - Technological change
 - Competitive environment
 - Flatter organizational structures
 - Complexity of challenges faced
- Challenges in library leadership
 - Demographics of profession (2002: 65% of US librarians 45+)
 - Professional literature and education
 - Systematic opportunity



Budgets & Budgeting

- Learning Objectives
 - To develop an understanding of theories and principles of budget preparation.
 - To develop skills in the budgeting functions in libraries and information services.
 - To promote critical thinking and reflexivity about the practice of budgeting.



 A budget is a financial plan – a forecast of income and expenditures.

 A plan of action, with resources attached, for a given time period.

 Financial and operational service planning should be implemented in concert.



- Budgets express goals and priorities through allocation of resources – a choice between alternatives.
- Budgets are communication tools within an organization.
- Budgets are also tools for monitoring and evaluation.



- Types of budgets (1):
 - Operating amount of money to be spent on activities in a given time (fiscal year).
 - Links to operational plan.
 - Capital
 - Large-scale, planned expenditures that will add value to the organization over multiple years.
 - e.g., buildings, land purchase, major new technologies.



Types of budgets (2):

Operating

- Funds allocated annually, from parent body (university, local government, etc.).
- Funds from fundraising efforts.

Capital

- Not tied to annual budget activities.
- Funds from endowments, fundraising, etc.



Operating Budgets

Types:

- Line-item.
- Lump-sum.
- Formula.
- Program.
- Performance.

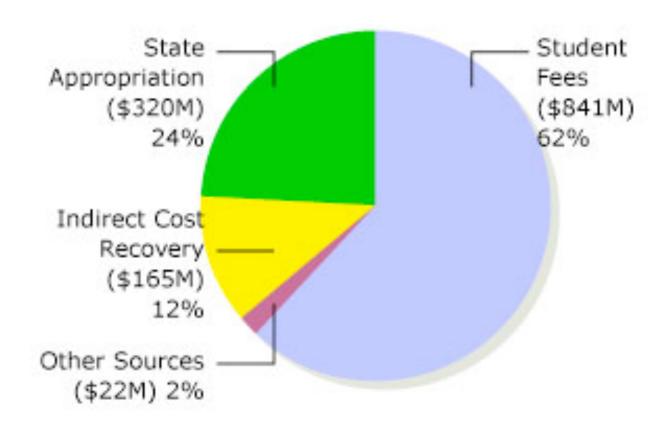


- Broken down by "objects of expenditure".
- Hierarchical classification of expenses.
 - E.g., "personnel", comprised of salaries and benefits
- How much money is spent, and for what purpose.
- Assumes some continuity of activities.
- Allocation often incremental.

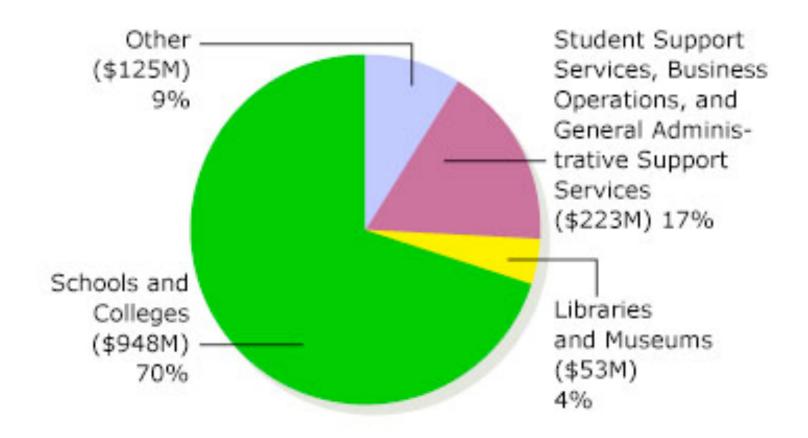


- Example:
 - U of M libraries
 - A centrally budgeted, academic unit.
 - Libraries and Museums are a line item in the General Fund budget.

Sources of General Fund Revenue – Ann Arbor Campus, 2007-8



Uses of General Fund Revenue – Ann Arbor Campus, 2007-8





- Example U of M Libraries:
 - See handout #1.
 - Income:
 - Typically receive an incremental General Operating Program (GOP) increase.
 - Inflationary costs allocated for collections.



- Example U of M Libraries:
 - See handout #2.
 - Line item budget within libraries.
 - Take base amount from general fund as a given.
 - Other sources of revenue (via fundraising).
 - Expenses:
 - Salaries, benefits, supplies, transportation, subcontracts.
 - Narrative budget request also submitted to provost.



- Discussion:
 - What are the strengths of line-item budgeting?



Discussion:

- What are the strengths of line-item budgeting?
 - Simplicity.
 - Easy to justify and categorize expenses.
 - Easy to show that monies were spent as intended.
 - In a stable environment, may be all that is needed.



Line-item Budgets

- Discussion:
 - What are the weaknesses of line-item budgeting?



Line-item Budgets

Discussion:

- What are the weaknesses of line-item budgeting?
 - Difficult to link to operational service plans.
 - Assumption of continuity.
 - Does not force evaluation of accomplishments or comparative value of investments.
 - Very easy to cut, since not linked to consequences.
 - Lack of flexibility.



Lump-sum Budgets

- Lump-sum budget allocation:
 - A lump sum dollar amount is transferred.
 - Not generally linked to specific program plans and budget proposals.
 - Often based on prior allocations, with incremental increases or decreases.
 - Rarely used; a primitive form of the line-item budget.



- Approach to allocation:
 - Input-based.
 - Allocations based on predetermined standards.
 - A percentage of total institutional cost.
 - May be based on:
 - Number of student FTEs or full-time faculty.
 - Collection/staff figures to support specific offerings.
 - Per capita allocation.



- Example:
 - Santa Cruz City-County Library System
 - Tax base from:
 - Quarter cent sales and use tax throughout county
 - Property tax
 - Allocated by Library Financing Authority
 - Amount: \$54.50 per capita (per person in the population)
 - Amount determined by Joint Powers Agreement between the County of Santa Cruz, and the Cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, and Scotts Valley

(Santa Cruz City-County Library System, 2006)



Discussion:

– What are the strengths of formula budgeting as an approach to budget allocation?



Discussion:

- What are the strengths of this approach to budget allocation?
 - Appearance of equity if used in multiple organizations in the jurisdiction.
 - Facilitate comparisons: inter-institutional and yearto-year.
 - Systematic, objective allocation.
 - Easy to prepare.



Discussion:

– What are the weaknesses of formula budgeting as an approach to budget allocation?



Discussion:

- What are the weaknesses of formula budgeting as an approach to budget allocation?
 - Complexity.
 - Often viewed as equivalent to quality.
 - Not linked to specific programs or results.

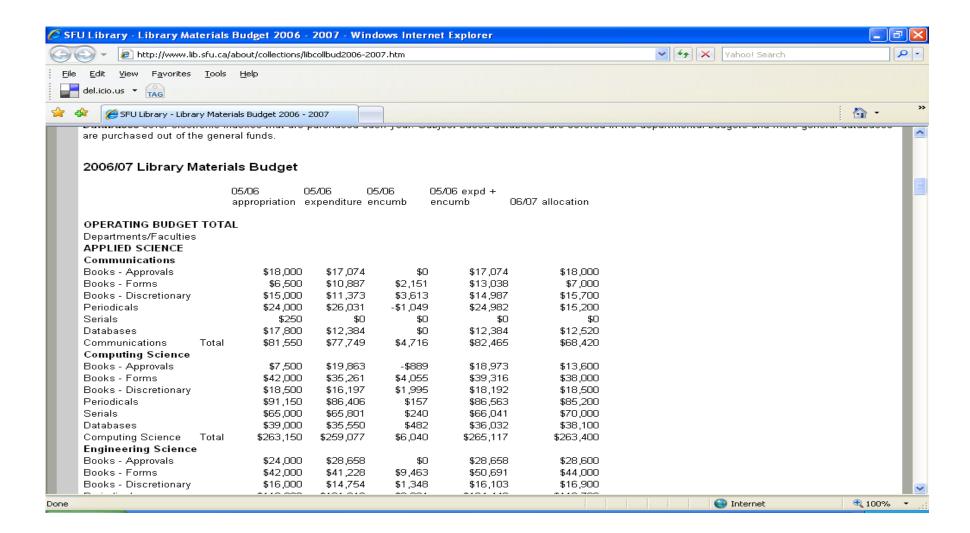


- Allocations to programs based on organizational objectives.
- Permits identification of the total costs of a program – e.g., youth services.
- Line-item allocations within programs.
- Attempt to link all costs, including overhead (maintenance, admin, etc.), to programs.



- Examples:
 - County Library Bookmobile Service (from textbook)
 - Handout: Texas State Library Budget Request
 - Simon Fraser University's Collections budget (by academic unit)







 What are the strengths of program budgeting?



- What are the strengths of program budgeting?
 - Link to goals and activities.
 - Expresses program priorities.
 - Can help with funding easier explain needs.
 - Can make real costs clear.
 - Easy to roll up to agency-wide line-item budgets.



What are the weaknesses of program budgeting?



- What are the weaknesses of program budgeting?
 - Complexity.
 - Time consuming to establish e.g., FTE allocations.
 - Categories may not match the ways in which work is organized.



Performance Budgets

An extension of the program budget.

 Specific activities, number of units performed and their costs.

 Focus on quantity of service offered and its cost, e.g., - total cost of adding an item to the collection.



Performance Budgets

May overshadow issues of quality.

But, can help with fundraising,

 e.g., cost to help a child to read in a literacy program.



- Steps involved:
 - Determine programs and priorities.
 - Estimate financial costs of plans for each unit.
 - Combine all estimates in an overall budget;
 - Preparation of budget justification.
 - Submission and approval of budget.
 - Ongoing monitoring (budgeted/actual).



• Timing:

- Budgeting cycle of parent organization.
- Various fiscal year models.
- Time delay between writing and implementation creates uncertainty.



Who is responsible?:

- Individual reflection:
 - Reflect on what must be considered when deciding who will be responsible for a library's budget, and list three of the most important factors.



- Who is responsible?:
 - Standardization (e.g., templates).
 - Expertise.
 - Extent of delegation.
 - Extent of involvement.
 - Coordination by staff or committee.



Cost analysis

- Individual reflection:
 - Think about a specific library you know of, and list the categories of costs which it might incur.
 - Choose two types of costs. Now consider what factors might influence how you estimate costs for these budget lines?



Cost analysis

Types of costs:

The whole cost of libraries



Cost analysis

- Basis for cost projections:
 - Past expenses.
 - Inflation.
 - Economic situation.
 - New or revised activities.
 - Quotes and research!



Conclusion

- Leadership
- Budgets
- Costs