

**The University of Michigan
 University Senate
 Motion #110926-6**

MOTION 6:

Call for Greater Transparency Around U-M Ann Arbor General Fund Budget

Whereas the General Fund Budget for the Ann Arbor campus approved by the Board of the Regents annually in June shows a pattern over the last four years of decreasing fractional investment in the Total Academic Units (all academic units combined) compared to the Total Revenue, that is, from FY23 to FY27, the Total Revenues of the General Fund increased by 19.9% while the amount budgeted to all Academic Units only increased by 14.9%;

Whereas over the same time period the allocation for the University’s Division of Public Safety & Security (DPSS) has increased significantly (by 73.1%) despite no evidence of increasing crime rates over the same period in the University’s [Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#); and

Whereas “Legal and Professional Fees” showed no increase from FY23 to FY26, followed by an unexplained year-over-year increase of 57.5% in FY27;

Excerpted Data from U-M's General Fund Budget (in thousands; YOY=year-over-year)

Year	Total Revenues (YOY %)	Total Academic Units (YOY %)	DPSS (YOY %)	Legal and Professional Fees (YOY %)
FY23	2,590,485	1,748,972	13,518	869
FY24	2,793,057 (+7.8%)	1,879,291 (+7.5%)	14,191 (+5.0%)	869 (0%)
FY25	2,946,681 (+5.5%)	1,967,735 (+4.7%)	16,014 (+12.8%)	869 (0%)
FY26	3,018,356 (+2.4%)	1,977,080 (+0.5%)	16,727 (+4.5%)	869 (0%)
FY27	3,105,219 (+2.9%)	2,009,861 (+1.7%)	23,395 (+39.9%)	1,369 (+57.5%)
FY27 vs FY23	+19.9%	+14.9%	+73.1%	+57.5%

Data drawn from Tables 1 in Regent’s Agenda files:

[2022-2023 General Fund Budget](#)

[2023-2024 General Fund Budget](#)

[2024-2025 General Fund Budget](#)

[2025-2026 General Fund Budget](#)

[2026-2027 General Fund Budget](#)

Therefore, be it resolved that we the faculty ask for transparency and more information on how the Academic Unit budgets are determined; and

Be it further resolved that we the faculty ask for transparency and more information regarding the FY27 increases in the DPSS and “Legal and Professional Fees” budgets.

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