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University Faculty Association
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"Slide #19"

Coalition of Union Faculty
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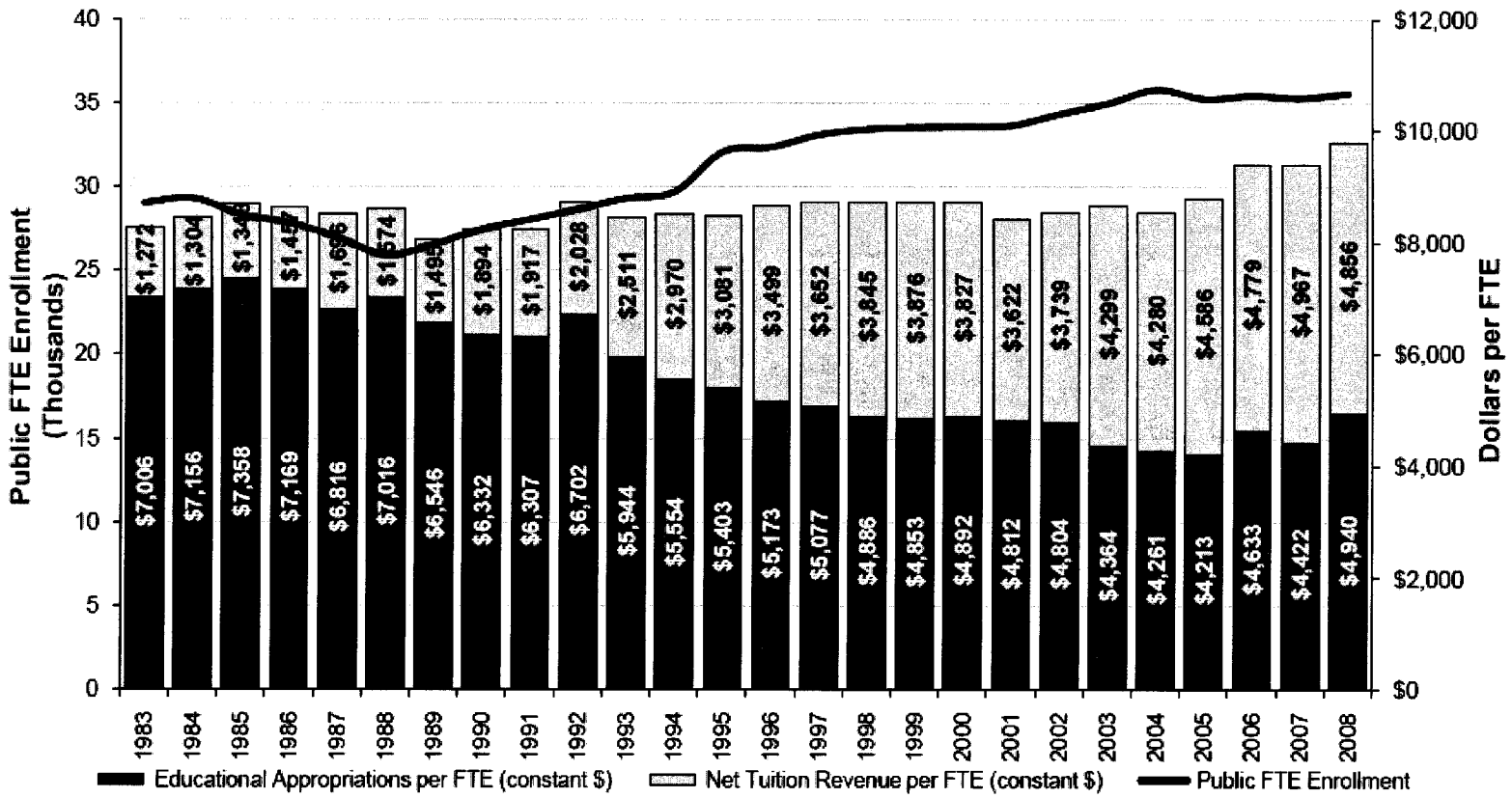
State/Local Funding plus Tuition Revenues per Student (FTE)

Montana Public Institutions, 1983-2008



Note: Constant 2008 dollars adjusted by SHEEO Higher Education Cost Adjustment. (HECA) **Source:** SHEEO SHEF

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Slide #19 tells us:

- The Montana University System (MUS) is under-funded by the State of Montana. We always rank near the bottom (nationally) in state funding per student.
- The state funding:tuition ratio has dropped from 7:1 in 1983 to less than 1:1 now. The national average is 2:1. MUS funding was 2:1 in 1994-1995...fifteen years ago!!
- It's getting worse: 2009 state funding/student dropped by about $500 ($4465) and in 2010 it will likely be lower. Meanwhile, tuition continues to rise.
- By necessity, student loans have replaced the lost state funding. Now, 70% of our graduates have student loan debt, averaging nearly $20,000.00. They will repay about $60,000.00 over ten years after graduation. This is immoral.
- Freezing tuition without increased state funding is unworkable; as slide #19 shows sooner or later tuition and fees have to go up if state funding does not.
- Faculty and staff just contributed another $40 million in salary savings, that's 0,0 in four of eight years to keep tuition low and provide relief for the current budget crisis.
- Low state funding is a major contributor to our low graduation/high dropout rates.
- There must be more appreciation for the value of a college degree, or a college degree that is valuable, in today's world economy.
- Education and training are the key to future economic development. We simply can't afford to disinvest at this time. Our competitors in the world economy are not resting. For more on that go to "Do you know 3.0" (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5o9nmUB2qls).

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