

President's Communiqué

Dr. Ken Kitts

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Colleagues: Please see below for important updates and information.

State Budget: The Alabama legislature has convened in Montgomery for its 2022 session. The executive budget released on January 12 recommends an increase of \$3.5 million in state appropriation for UNA in FY 23. While we welcome any increase, the proposed amount does not close the gap that continues to separate us from other states schools of similar size, scope, and mission. We believe there are enough surplus dollars available (ETF revenue is up 14% over last year) in the education budget to advance UNA closer to our goal of equity without taking funds away from other institutions. It is important to understand the executive budget as a recommendation, but it is an important one –