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Cornerstone on Accountability and Sustainability
Executive Summary
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Two initiatives under Accountability and Sustainability are getting the greatest share of our attention, the budget process and our central database in support of business intelligence.

The Budget Development Council (BDC) has implemented the rules and procedures for distributing salaries and associated fringe benefits to units, has implemented the rules and procedures for fiscal-year carry-forward and has modified the fringe benefit calculations. The University, through its divisions, is implementing strategic cuts to expenses to not only meet expected revenue shortfalls but to more strategically align expenses with the University's evolving programs and new strategic thrusts. The purpose of the "New Budget Model" is precisely to align budget priorities with strategic priorities. We are now using the budget model to do just that.

The data warehouse is nearing operational status. Adhering to the data freeze schedule published on May 29, three extracts have been successfully executed in support of Summer Term 2013. Student data has been captured and stored in the Banner warehouse for the first day of the full and first six-week term, first day of the middle six-week term, and first day of the second six-week term. Referencing available historical data, extracts were executed in support of financial, payroll, and student post-term snapshots dating back to Fall Term 2008.

In preparation for the implementation of the newly acquired Web FOCUS Active Technologies and Visual Discovery products, the enterprise reporting solution was successfully upgraded and migrated to a new hardware/software platform. The installation of Visual Discovery is in progress with a projected availability of mid-July for initial testing and subsequent training.

Priority attention of the Business Intelligence technical team is currently being directed to the spring and Fall Term HEI reporting mandates. Given this and the aforementioned training requirements, solution deployment is scheduled for late August.