HB13 — Pay Plan
- This appropriates funds for the FY10/FY11 salary and benefits plan developed between the Governor and the major State Employee union (MPEA), for State employees. No Plan is finalized for the MUS.
- Has been passed by the Legislature, and signed by the Governor.
- Provides for increases to the employer contribution for medical insurance.
  - FY10 monthly increase is $53, from $626 to $679; FY11 is another $54 increase, to $733.
- Also provides for a July 2009 OTO $450 bonus for all employees earning $45,000 or less.
- For the FY08/09 biennium the overall Campus Pay Plan costs were funded at 85% of Total Cost, which represented the “Resident Student” share – and made it possible to not increase Resident student tuition to pay for any salary and benefits cost increases.
- For FY10/11 the Campus Pay Plan costs are funded at an average of 42.5% of Total. But, given that MSU has a high percentage of Nonresidents, our Pay Plan funding level will actually be, at best, about 35.5%.

HB2 — Appropriations Bill
- This appropriates funds for the FY10/FY11 Base Budget and all inflationary increases, which are commonly referred to as Present Law Adjustments.
  - During the development of the Biennial Budget (with the Governor’s staff) the Campuses agreed to reduce their PLA funding requirements from $30,933,552 to $27,278,689, of which $22,914,098 was the Resident student share.
- On Tuesday the Senate passed this Bill and sent it back to the House with Amendments.
  - The House version did not provide for any PLA funding, and included an increased Vacancy Savings reduction, which reduced the biennial Campus Base budget appropriation by about $2.8 million.
  - The Senate version added a 2% ATB reduction, to provide what they believe to be a necessary “structural balancing” of the continuing Base Budget. This reduced the Campus Base budget appropriation by an additional $7.2 million.
  - The Senate did add one new program; the MSU Extension Service received $857,000 (OTO) to coordinate a brucellosis education program.
- If the House does not accept the Senate amendments, the Bill will be sent to a Conference Committee.

HB645 — Stimulus Funding [One-Time-Only]
- This appropriates the Federal Stimulus Funding received by Montana.
- This Bill was Read, and Amended, on the Senate floor on Tuesday.
- At present, this Bill contains $52 million of one-time-only funding for the Montana University System.
  - Tuition Mitigation for Resident Students $10,000,000 [Campus Base funding]
  - Tuition Mitigation for Resident Students (additional) $8,207,098 [Campus Base funding]
  - 6 Mill Levy Backfill $2,493,921
  - Distance Learning $2,000,000
  - Community College Assistance $1,277,775
  - Community College Assistance, deferred maintenance $1,800,000
  - Community College Tuition Mitigation $1,600,875
  - Tribal College Assistance $900,000
  - MUS Energy Conservation Improvements $12,300,000
  - Federal Revenue Energy Revolving Loan Fund $12,300,000
  - UM Western – Main Hall $6,000,000
  - Ag Experiment Station, equipment & infrastructure $2,000,000
  - Ag Experiment Station, sawfly research $500,000
  - MSU Extension Service, local government center $300,000
  - PBS Satellite Delivery $400,000
  - Virtual High School $2,000,000
  - Total (minus energy loan program) $51,779,659
- If the House does not accept the Senate amendments, the Bill will be sent to a Conference Committee.
- It is likely that both HB2 and HB645 will be sent to Conference Committee later this week.