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Last fall, the MSU Budget Council issued a call for investment proposals from the campus community. This process was created to provide potential campus investment projects for President Cruzado to strategically support, when funds are available. Seventy-four (74) proposals were received and reviewed by the Budget Council. A list of all proposals is posted on the Budget Council website, <http://www.montana.edu/budgetcouncil/>

Proposals were reviewed with an eye toward strategic alignment (via core themes), institutional benefit/impact and addressing the MUS strategic plan goal of 70% spending in instruction, academic support, and student services. At the conclusion of this process, Budget Council will provide a list of all proposals (prioritized in multiple strategic categories) to President Cruzado for guidance on investment recommendations for different campus needs.

After review and deliberations, Budget Council selected 31 proposals for further review. These proposals will be presented in public hearings scheduled for February 15 and 16, from 8 am to 12 noon in 235 SUB, where presenters will answer specific questions from the Budget Council. Public questions and comments will be received at the conclusion of each day's hearings. These hearings are open for all to attend - we encourage faculty, staff and students to participate in this process. The schedule of public hearings is posted at: <http://www.montana.edu/budgetcouncil/>