

## Financial Exigency & the Arts: Leadership & Advocacy in Extreme Crisis

When Southern Oregon University's president declared a state of financial exigency in August 2025, it launched a 20-day timeline to reduce its budget by 15% and its majors by 33%. This rapid restructuring, executed while most faculty were off-contract, highlights a growing threat to arts education. This roundtable explores how leaders can advocate for the arts during periods of extreme fiscal "realignment." We will discuss navigating data-driven austerity, protecting faculty rights, and re-asserting the value of the arts when the budget says otherwise.

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