Data in Finance: Projecting Intra-Year Cash Flow using Data Analytics

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Agenda

- University of Maryland Overview
 - Key attributes
 - Financial Model Overview
- Cash Flow Tool: Defining Scope, Design & Development
- Model Validation, Proofing & Results
- Data Visualization Demonstration







Campus Overview

University of Maryland Overview

- Founded in **1856**
- 40,792 Student Enrollment (Fall 2022)
- #19 Top Public National University (2022-23 U.S. News & World Report)
- #13 Among Public Universities (2023 Forbes' list of America's Top Colleges)
- 12 Schools & Colleges
- Land Grant & AAU
- 104 undergraduate majors, 115 master's programs and 84 doctoral programs
- R1 institution designation with \$1.1 billion combined research expenditures with the University of Maryland, Baltimore





System Office Relationship

- UMD is the flagship institution of the System Office (USM)
 - 12 Total Institutions
- UMD reserve requirement stipulated by USM
- Tuition Revenue:
 - Governor sets increases for Undergraduate / Graduate tuition rates in state budget process
 - UMD sets professional graduate program tuition rates
 - Board of Regents must approve complete set of rates







Cash Flow Tool: Defining Scope, Design & Development

Scope

- Academic Affairs focus
 - \$1.1B Unrestricted Budget
 - Includes Across 17 Divisions
 - Represents 2/3 of campus unrestricted activity

Division	*Unrestricted Budget %
D200000	15.83%
D300000	14.48%
D320000	10.87%
D290000	10.19%
D270000	9.56%
D250000	9.39%
D280000	7.71%
D310000	3.27%
D430000	3.23%
D330000	2.98%
D230000	2.93%
D350000	2.13%
D210000	2.05%
D370000	1.88%
D240000	1.45%
D260000	1.14%
D340000	0.93%
Total	100%



Design

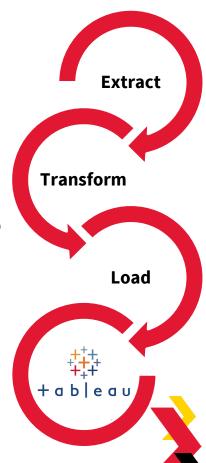
- Utilize mid-year actuals as projection basis
- Determine baseline assumptions
- Identify project timeline
- Evaluate and select data viz tool
- Consolidate several management reports in one view





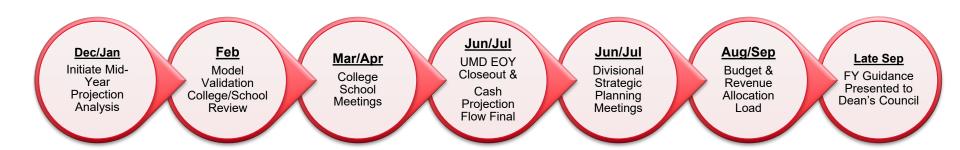
Development

- Identify required data sources & attributes
- Design ETL tool
- Tableau exploration and worksheet/dashboard development
- Adhere to campus visualization requirements
- Integrate user security for validation and dissemination
- Develop proof of concept for initial validation of baseline assumptions
- Develop systematic, programmatical method to incorporate college transaction detail adjustments





FY23 Cash Flow Projection Tool Timeline





Model Validation, Proofing & Results

Model Validation

- Internal Validation (Provost Office):
 - O Two intra FY updates (May and June) to proof mid-year projection vs most current actuals
- External Validation (Colleges & Schools):
 - Provost/College staff meetings in February & April.
 - February Discuss application of projection guidance and necessary tweaks to model based on College-specific issues (tuition, fee charges, etc.)
 - April Review projections and identify areas of budget improvement revealed through in-depth variance analysis.
 - Summer Strategic Planning Meetings Cash flow model and related reports were incorporated into the Provost's strategic meetings with the Deans.
 - Model results also fulfilled Budget Office projection request for FY23 year-end prep.





Model Proofing

- Updated model to include EOY actuals.
- Utilized the mid-year dashboard as a "control"
- Developed a new dashboard view to compare mid-year projection to EOY actuals.
- Reviewed at across all levels:
 - College Level
 - **Revenue vs Expense**
 - Fund Type
 - Account & Transaction Code







Model Demonstration

Model Functionality Overview

- Filter on College
- Filter charts utilizing fund type
- Expand and isolate by Revenue or Expense type
- Identifying potential variances by type
- Utilizing the management report view
- Fund Balance trends by fund type



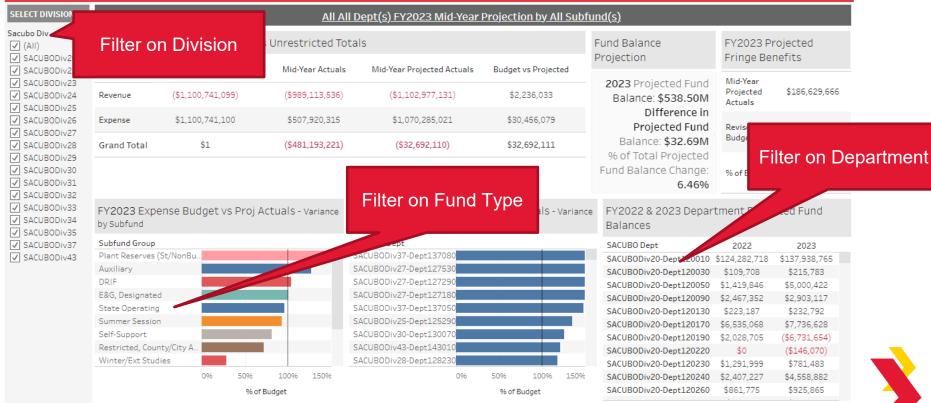


Model Functionality Overview

1-SACUBO Mid-Year Projected ... | 2-SACUBO Mid-Year vs Curr YT... | 3-Mgmt Rpt Mid-Year vs CurrYT... | 4-Mid-Year vs CurrYTD FY22vs... | 5-FY Fund Balance Trend | Report Description

SACUBO MID-YEAR PROJECTED BALANCES DASHBOARD





Model Functionality

1-SACUBO Mid-Year Projected ... 2-SACUBO Mid-Year vs Curr YT... 3-Mgmt Rpt Mid-Year vs CurrY... 4-Mid-Year vs CurrYTD FY22vs... 5-FY Fund Balance Trend Report Description SACUBO MID-YEAR PROJECTED BALANCES DASHBOARD **CURRENT** SELECT DIVISION: SACUBODiv32 SACUBODiv32-Dept132270 Dept(s) FY2023 Mid-Year Projection by All Subfund(s) Sacubo Div FY2023 Budget vs Project Actuals Unrestricted Totals Fund Balance FY2023 Projected ✓ (AII) ✓ SACUBODiv32 Projection Fringe Benefits Budget = Mid-Year Mid-Year Income Account Revised Object Code Level2 Stmt Name Budaet Actuals Projected... vs Proi.. 2023 Projected Fund Mid-Year Projected \$543.577 \$0 1123390-0AE Balance: \$8.45M Actuals 1123380-0AE. \$0 Difference in 1123310-PRO \$0 Projected Fund Revised Budget \$681,281 2957316-On C. ####### Tuition 0118-EMBA and non-Balance: \$2.03M 16 835 السلم 2957526-Soft 2957668-Rob. Income Stmt: Revenue 2957527-Svst. 2957316-On Campus Programs Account Name: 1123540-Cvb. Object Code: 0118-EMBA and non-Fin MS tuition Level2: Tuition FY2023 Expense Budget vs Proj Actuals - Variance FY2023 Expense Budget vs Proj Actua Budget vs Projected: \$1,825,742 by Subfund by Dept Dalalices Subfund Group SACUBO Dept SACUBO Dept 2022 2023 SACUBODiv32-Dept13227 E&G, Designated 100% SACUBODiv32-Dept132010 State Operating 100% SACUBODiv32-Dept132270 096 5096 10096 \$6,425,969 \$8,454,900 SACUBODiv32-Dept132110 5096 10096 15096 % of Budget SACUBODiv32-Dept132230 % of Budget SACUBODiv32-Dept132250



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FY23 Model Results

Positive outcome:

• Net 1.08% variance of total fund balance and 0.53% vs budget



Room for improvement:

Variances remained at lower cost-detail levels







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