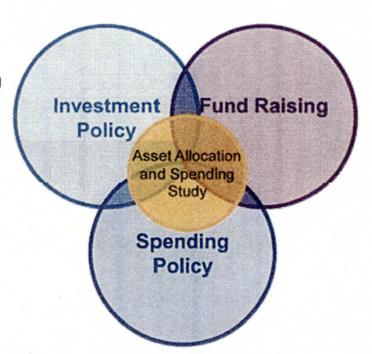
## What is an Asset Allocation and Spending Study?

Evaluating the interaction of the three key policies that govern the Legacy Fund with the goal of establishing the best investment policy

#### **Investment Policy**

- How will the assets supporting the spending be invested?
- What are the risk/return objectives?
- How to manage cash flows?



#### **Funding Policy**

- Revenue expectation
- Near-term policies?
- Consistency of policy and amounts derived thereof?

#### **Spending Policy**

- What are the objectives of the distribution policy?
- What level of spending?
- Expectations for fees?

# Rationale for Conducting an Asset Allocation and Spending Study

- Represents fiduciary best practice:
  - Strategic reviews of asset allocation policy are typically conducted every 3to-5 years, or when Fund changes warrant a review of investment activities
- Assists the Advisory Board and Staff in developing a long-term asset allocation strategy
  - Sets the foundation for the long-term management structure of the investment portfolio
- Incorporates changes and uncertainty in capital markets, spending and contributions
- Provides a reasonable basis for the selection of an asset allocation policy that achieves the following:
  - Reflects an appropriate level of risk that balances the preservation of principal with spending requirements
  - Generates the maximum expected rate-of-return given an appropriate level of risk
  - Balances both near-term and long-term spending goals

# Rationale for Conducting an Asset Allocation and Spending Study (continued)

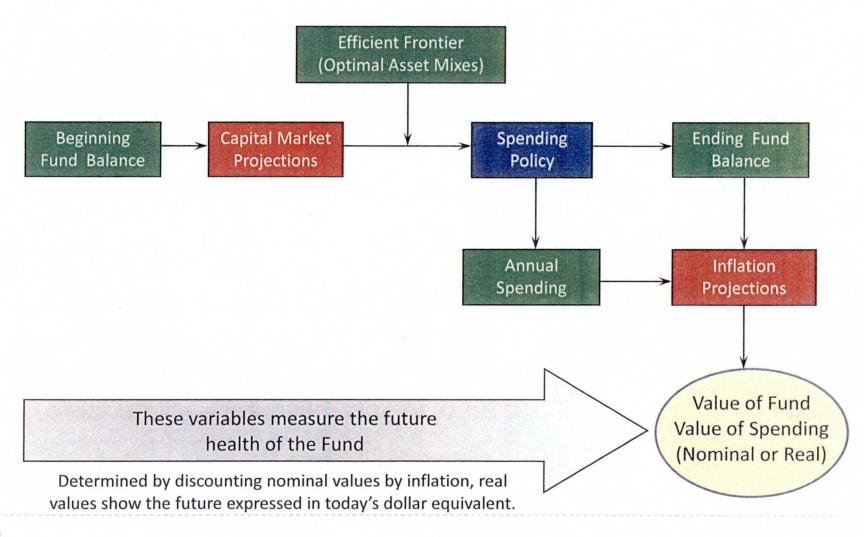
## ▶ Types of investment allocation:

- Strategic allocation a long-term policy decision
- Tactical/dynamic allocation opportunistically adjusting the asset mix in response to changes in the capital markets; managing risk by shifting the policy mix in response to a changing risk environment
  - Tactical asset allocation is very difficult to successfully implement with consistency
  - Tactical adjustments may introduce additional risk, which can undermine the integrity of the strategic asset allocation decision
  - Trading costs can overwhelm any perceived benefit

## Importance of strategic allocation:

- One of the most important decisions faced by fiduciaries
- Primary determinant of asset growth and volatility
- Strategic allocation policy generally reflects overall investment goals and risk tolerance

## Study Overview: Model of Spending Policy and Fund Growth



## **Study Process**

## Project major asset class performance

- Used to create asset mix alternatives
- Used to estimate the financial future of the Fund

# Create alternative asset mixes to compare to the existing target mix

- Only look at optimal mixes
- Look at a range from more conservative than the current target mix to more aggressive

### Simulate future outcomes

- Look at the range of possible future Fund conditions
- Determine the relative benefits of each of the asset mixes

## Identify a target asset mix

What parameters are most important to the Fund?

## **Modeling Techniques Employed**

## Mean-variance optimization

- Allows for the identification of the risk-minimizing asset allocation for a given level of return
- Different optimal mixes for different target rates of return

#### Monte Carlo Simulation

- Looks at the interaction of the spending and investment policy over a variety of possible future outcomes
- Allows for the statistical analysis of a variable that is dependent on other variables with uncertain outcomes
- Thousands of capital market scenarios can be simulated across numerous spending scenarios
- Incorporates the effect of inflation on the long-term real purchasing power of Legacy Fund assets

## **Recommendation and Potential Next Steps**

- Staff recommends that the Advisory Board conduct an asset allocation and spending study for the Legacy Fund.
- Suitable finalists would be identified and invited to submit proposals and present to the Advisory Board. Potential candidates include the following:
  - Callan Associates
  - Cambridge Associates
  - Hewitt EnnisKnupp
  - R.V. Kuhns & Associates
  - Strategic Investment Solutions
- The Advisory Board would select the firm to award the asset/spending study project and Staff would work with the selected firm to commence the study.

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