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Summer Budgets

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Question:

A number of questions pertaining to summer budgets and how they fit in with overall annual budgets:

1. For all summer 2008 terms, what was GSU's gross revenue from tuition?
2. How much of this gross revenue amount went to Academic Affairs?
3. How much of this gross revenue amount was expended on faculty salaries and benefits?
4. How much of this gross revenue amount was expended on other expenses DURING summer 2008?
5. How much of this gross revenue was rolled into meeting expenditures in Fall 2008 and Spring 2009?
6. Summer is both the first term of the fiscal year and a "pay as you go" proposition for summer-only expenses: Is tuition revenue from summer used to pay salaries for 12 month contract people (such as administrators and staff) or are those salaries covered by the base fiscal year budget since "summer pay as you go" apparently cannot cover such "hard contract" salary promises?
7. Is Physical Plant expenditure over summer terms covered by that base fiscal year budget?
8. Do any other GSU employees other than academic year contract faculty work during summer without contracts, whether these are individually negotiated contracts or blanket contracts covering specified groups of employees?
9. Are individually negotiated and mutually signed contracts, spelling out what work they will do and for what pay, an option open to GSU faculty for summer work? If not, why not?

Rationale:

The above questions were prompted by requests from a group of faculty for this information from GSU's administration, but who would not put their names to the questions. Judging that they are perfectly reasonable questions, I have submitted their list of questions here, though with some modifications of my own.

Last summer, in at least one college the terms for summer employment in the Faculty Handbook, which are the only guide faculty have regarding summer employment terms, were not followed. In at least two colleges now (CLASS and COBA) the administrations are actively revising class structures, curriculum, and/or pay rates for summer faculty work. Faculty should know what the bases are for these revisions to longstanding (though not formally contractual) arrangements that affect their personal welfare and the welfare of the programs in which they work, and they should be made aware of the options open to them.

Response:

From the Provost's webpage Summer School

<http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/provost/domain/summerschoolppt.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions*

Q – For all summer 2008 terms, what was Georgia Southern University's gross revenue from tuition?

A – Gross revenue from Summer 2008 = \$7,087,731

Q – How much of this gross revenue amount went to Academic Affairs?

A – Amount of gross revenue to Academic Affairs = \$4,574,552 (66.6% of estimated Summer School tuition revenue)

Q – How much of this gross revenue amount was expended on faculty salaries and benefits?

A – Gross revenue expended on faculty salaries = \$4,574,552. This does not include benefits

Q – How much of this gross revenue amount was expended on other expenses DURING summer 2008? How much of this gross revenue was rolled into meeting expenditures in Fall 2008 and Spring 2009? Summer is both the first term of the fiscal year and a "pay-as-you-go" proposition for summer-only expenses: Is tuition revenue

from summer used to pay salaries for 12-month contract people (such as administrators and staff), or are those salaries covered by the base fiscal year budget since “summer pay-as-you-go” apparently cannot cover such “hard contract” salary promises? Is Physical Plant expenditure over summer terms covered by that base fiscal year budget? Do any other GSU employees, other than academic year contract faculty, work during summer without contracts, whether these are individually negotiated contracts or blanket contracts covering specified groups of employees?

A – Summer School tuition, as well as state appropriations and certain fees, are combined with tuition from Fall and Spring Semesters to form the University’s general budget. From the general budget, 66.6% of estimated Summer School tuition revenue is allocated to Academic Affairs for faculty salaries for Summer School. Academic Affairs then allocates a portion of the funds budgeted for faculty salaries to each College based upon the courses that are scheduled to be taught.

All other expenses incurred by the University during Summer School for the many support activities and general operating expenses that must be provided are paid from the general budget. The cost for these expenses during Summer School exceeds the 33.4% of estimated Summer School tuition that goes into the general budget. Contracts are not signed by non-faculty employees.

Q – Are individually-negotiated and mutually-signed contracts, spelling out what work they will do and for what pay, an option open to GSU faculty for summer work? If not, why not?

A – A draft form, stating expected teaching and non-teaching assignments, expected compensation, and distribution dates for payment has been discussed with the Deans, the Chairs, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Enhancing Communication

See draft: Draft Proposed 2009 Summer School Assignment

*As submitted in a Faculty Senate Request for Information by Marc Cyr on November 11, 2008

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