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# F&A Cost Adjustment for Grants and Contracts

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## Question:

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1) Please provide a detailed accounting of services that are provided/available at the current 31% rate and a detailed accounting of additional services that grant-seeking faculty can expect to see as a result of this 9% increase.

2) How does Georgia Southern's institutional support structure for grants/contracts compare to the peer institutions referenced in Dr. Patterson's campus-wide memo—that is, how are the services provided by these institutions similar to those provided at Georgia Southern? In what ways are the services provided by these institutions different than those provided at Georgia Southern (e.g., number of professional staff; number of programs with full-time administrators specifically dedicated to grants and contracts, etc.)?

3) Putting aside comparisons of the previous 31% rate to those of other institutions, what justifications specific to Georgia Southern led to the recent adjustment from 31% to 40%?

## Rationale:

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Faculty in every college at Georgia Southern have been asked to increase their efforts to secure extramural funding. As such, it is imperative that faculty be aware of a) the justifications that led to the recent adjustment from 31% to 40%; b) the additional grant/contract support capabilities that increase will provide; and c) the degree to which such support capabilities are (or are not) commensurate with the levels of support provided by other USG and peer institutions.

## Response:

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This item was directed to VP for Research and Economic Development, Charles Patterson.

11/19/12: Dr. Paterson has provided the attached answer. Additionally, the attached policy memo on F&A costs complements the answer.

The memo referenced in the question part of the RFI has also been added there.

[F&A Rate Modification Memo](#)

[Faculty Senate Request for Information Response](#)

[Policy F&A Costs-final](#)