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Question(s):

1) What percentage of total RAC fees are used to support the Sports Shooting Center?

2) Is there a dollar cap on the amount of RAC fees that could be used to finance the Center’s operations?

3) How many distinct individuals who are registered GSU students use the Center each semester?

4) How many total visits are made to Center each semester by registered GSU students?

5) How many members does the Center have who are not registered students?

6) How much of the Center’s budget is devoted to security?

7) Why is there no financial support from the GDNR?

8) How was the $200,000 from the Archery Trade Association spent? Is this a continued and reliable source of funding?

10) Are the Director and Assistant Directors and Archery coach full time employees of the University?

11) What is included in the Director's and Asst. Dir's "fringes" noted in the response to the October RFI?

Rationale:

These questions are follow-ups to Gene Sherry's response to the October RFI.

Response:

Faculty Senate RFI Response

February 20, 2018
1. What percentage of total RAC fees are used to support the SSEC?
   a. In FY17 it was 7%

2. Is there a dollar cap on the amount of RAC fees that could be used to finance the SSEC’s operations?
   a. There is not a specified “dollar cap”, but it must be managed in conjunction with all recreational offerings.

3. How many distinct individuals who are registered GSU students use the center each semester?
   a. As of February 6, 2018 there are 502 current student members. The center serves additional students through various programs and events that are not members.

4. How many total visits are made to the SSEC each semester by registered GSU students?
   a. Fall 2016 = 4,619
   b. Spring 2017 = 4,690
   c. Fall 2017 = Not yet compiled

5. How many members does the SSEC have who are not registered students?
   a. As of February 6, 2018 there are 1,351 members who are not students.

6. How much of the SSEC’s budget is devoted to security?
   a. Please define the scope of security. For example we would consider our staffing is part of security. In addition, supplies, and technology that is in place contributes to security.

7. Why is there no financial support from Georgia DNR?
   a. The MOU with the Georgia DNR only consisted of capital expense support.

8. How was the $200,000 from the Archery Trade Association spent? Is this a continued and reliable source of funding?
   a. We currently have not spent the $200,000, it is currently deposited in a foundation account serving as an operational reserve. This funding is not scheduled to continue at this time.

9. Are the Director and Assistant Directors and Archery Coach full time employees of the university? Yes
10. What is included in the Director’s and Assistant Director’s “fringes” noted in response to the October RFI?

   a. Fringes are the standard benefits provided all university full time benefited staff members and includes, FICA, Health Insurance, and Retirement.

11) What is included in the Director's and Asst. Dir's "fringes" noted in the response to the October RFI?

Minutes, March 6, 2018

Two RFIs on Shooting Sports Education Center budget

The first had received an answer, but the second had not because only recently submitted; Moderator Pirro expected an answer for next meeting. He asked the submitter of both, Robert Costomiris (CAH), to explain what led him to submit the queries.

Costomiris noted that building the Shooting Sports Education Center had been a matter of some debate, whether it was a wise decision to begin with, and there were promises that it would be kind of a cost neutral place. He was asking for some verification of its cost neutrality, and to find out where the money is coming from and how it’s being spent because that would tell us a lot about the operation. He submitted the second RFI because in the answer to the first one he had learned there were $360,000 a year coming from student RAC fees to support the Center. No more money is coming from the Department of Natural Resources, which funded the building. He wanted to know, then, how many students are actually using this facility. He also wanted to know if there was ever a limit on how much money would be spent on the Center. He wanted to know how much students are getting out of it for their investment.

Michelle Haberland (CAH) wanted to know if the Center’s relationship with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has ended. She also mentioned GSU’s relationship with Daniel Defense Industries, a manufacturer of firearms – one Daniel Defense weapon was used in the Las Vegas shooting. Our University receives financial support from Daniel Defense Industries. She imagined that our Center “does have and features Daniel Defense Industry firearms.”