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Senate Executive Committee Request for Information

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Question(s):

If, as indicated in Maura Copeland's response to the RFI regarding access by foreign nationals to the Sports Shooting Education Center, foreign students and faculty are not permitted to use the SSEC, on what grounds is it permissible to use student RAC fees (totaling \$369,000) to subsidize the operation of the SSEC? Can fees be collected from students for facilities they cannot use?

Rationale:

The responsible use of student fees is essential to GS's ability to justify the collection of such fees. Students should not pay for facilities they cannot use.

Response:

Response from Maura Copeland, 9/5/2018

Funds generated by the student RAC fee are applied to a wide variety of campus recreation and intramural opportunities for students. Students paying this fee gain access to amenities such as gym facilities on the Statesboro or Armstrong campuses, intramural and club sports, wellness programming (including group fitness classes), and outdoor facilities (including the outdoor pool, volleyball and basketball courts, and Southern Adventures programming). The institution has not prorated, nor does it have any plans to prorate, this fee to account for activities which a particular student may be unable or unwilling to access.

Minutes, 9/5/2018:

B. RFI on Shooting Sports Center Fees Maura Copeland (Executive Council) will attend the Planning Budget Committee Meeting on this issue, scheduled for next week.

