School and College Allocations and Finances

- As of FY19, we have a new fully formed Budget Allocation System for our Schools and Colleges.
- As importantly, we have established new tools for tracking and forecasting both expenditures and allocations.
- We have established expectations for collaboration between the Deans and the Provost on financial matters.
- We have shifted the emphasis of key financial decisions and allocations closer to the mission of the institution through:
 - The Institutional Hiring Plan
 - Annual GE allocations based on student success metrics
 - Well-planned growth of new and existing graduate programs



Incentives for Deans

- Collaboration with each other and with the Provost
- Long-term programmatic and financial planning
- Tenure Track Faculty
- Incentivizing external research support
- Fundraising for faculty salaries and support
- Realigning graduate student support towards successful programs and PhD students



Challenges in the first few years

- Acculturating to collaboration with each other and with the Provost
- Acculturating to long-term programmatic and financial planning
- Learning to use and trust new financial tools that focus primarily on personnel levels



Strategic Planning for Deans and the Provost

Academic strategic planning revolves almost entirely around:

- Faculty
 - The allocation model automatically links to faculty funding.
 - The IHP implies that Deans must collaborate with the Provost on this strategy.
- Program Development
 - The model directly funds graduate program development through tuition.
 - Undergraduate program development must be coordinated with the Provost, thus avoiding some of the pitfalls of our previous budgeting model.
- Student Success planning
 - This is tougher. We have metrics that roughly measure local student success and in the long term those metrics will provide evidence for increased investment or disinvestment.
 - That said, Student Success is clearly a high priority for the institution and there is nothing in the allocation model to get in the way of pursuing the goal.



| Academic Allocation Components | General Description of The Item(s) Allocated | FY19 % of Total | FY19 \$ Total = \$280M | Annual Change Process (Primary Decision Maker) |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Tenure-Track Faculty (TTF) BASE | Salaries and OPE for all TTF, including deans | 51.2% | \$143M | Institutional Hiring Plan (Provost); inflation is automatic |
| Graduate Employee (GE) BASE | Salary, insurance, and fees for a specific number of GE terms | 9.9% | \$28M | Annual analysis of Graduate School metrics (Provost and Grad School Dean) + conversations with school/college deans |
| Graduate and Differential Tuition less fixed tuition holdback ¹ | All graduate tuition and differential tuition paid for a specific program or school/college, less a fixed holdback | 17.7% | \$50M (\$70M less \$20M) | Activity- and tuition-based (dean); the holdback increases with salary increases + negotiated deltas (Provost and deans) |
| Summer Tuition | Tuition revenue per student credit hour (SCH) for summer instruction | 4.4% | \$12M | Activity- and tuition-based (Dean) |
| General Operating Allocation (GOA) | Lump sum allocation to schools/colleges | 15.9% | \$44.5M | Increases with general inflation +/- adjustments based on Provost's discretion and negotiations (Provost) |
| Program Investments | Specific short-term investments in new programs or short term financial issues | 0.9% | \$2.5M | Annual conversations between deans and Provost (Provost) |

¹Tuition Holdback: A lump sum reduction of graduate/differential tuition used to pay for increased central costs associated with program growth, possibly including new faculty.

Finally, a Work in Progress: On-line education

- We have not established the financial paradigm for on-line education.
- Based on past experience, this must be done carefully.
- But once we know what our particular on-line goals are – it should not be difficult to bolt on an on-line financial structure that is overall beneficial for the institution.



Some Resources: Added 6-13-18

- Allocation Model Handbook: https://provost.uoregon.edu/academic-allocation-model
- Operational Metrics: https://provost.uoregon.edu/institutionalmetrics#operational
- IHP: https://provost.uoregon.edu/ay2018-19institutional-hiring-plan
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