

From: [Halleran, Donna](#)
To: [Tyler Junger](#)
Date: Fri, 6 Nov 2009 14:28:51 -0600
Subject: RE: 128 funds
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I have an update. Here's an additional response from Freda.

Donna

From: Freda Harris [mailto:fharris@uwsa.edu]
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 1:43 PM
To: Aaron Wingad; Tom Anderes
Cc: Kevin Reilly
Subject: Re: Student Concern at UW-Madison

Aaron,

The other paper (#798) was the initial background paper used by the Joint Finance Committee in deciding how to move forward with the auxiliary transfer in 2003-05. The points that you refer to say that students were concerned about the use of segregated fees for financial aid, and other students expressed concerns about the fact that some of the funds had been set aside for future projects such as rec centers, unions and health facilities. It also said that it could be argued that the use segregated fee funds for financial aid might not be legal since student fees may only be used to support campus student activities.

The legislature decided to include language in the 2003-05 budget prohibiting the use of segregated fee funds for the transfer during that time period. That language did not carry forward for future events and does not apply to the current biennium. The facilities argument applies to other operations as well as those funded through segregated fees, and were not factored into the System allocation of funding cuts to the campuses.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Aaron Wingad" <REGENTAW@uwec.edu>

To: "Freda Harris" <fharris@uwsa.edu>

Sent: Friday, November 6, 2009 10:29:43 AM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central

Subject: RE: Student Concern at UW-Madison

Freda,

Could you touch on the concern with the discussion points on the other paper (798), as well?

Thank you!

Aaron

-----Original Message-----

From: Halleran, Donna

Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 1:02 PM

To: 'Lori Berquam'; Tyler Junger; Thomas Cameron Templeton IV; KEVIN J HELMKAMP; DREW R WIELGUS; Michael Patrick Romenesko; Brandon John Williams

Subject: RE: 128 funds

Tyler, Tom, Mike and Brandon,

I finished researching your questions and I'm willing to review the answers with you whenever you are ready. Representatives from the Office of the Dean of Students should also join us.

Freda Harris of UW System Administration also responded to Regent Wingad. I'm pasting her response below. I do have one clarification. Where she said "Student Health Operations" she was referring to the

Student Health Insurance Program, which is not supported by segregated fees.

Donna

From: Freda Harris <fharris@uwsa.edu>
Date: November 5, 2009 5:35:30 PM CST
To: Aaron Wingad <regentaw@uwec.edu>
Cc: Tom Anderes <tanderes@uwsa.edu>, Darrell Bazzell <dbazzell@vc.wisc.edu>, Tim Norris <TDNORRIS@vc.wisc.edu>
Subject: Re: Student Concern at UW-Madison

Aaron,

Tom Anderes and I have discussed your questions and he asked me to provide this response. We've reviewed the information that you sent and followed up with UW-Madison on the distribution of the Fund 128 transfer requirement. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau paper (#465) described the Governor's required transfer and accurately says that the UW System distributed the reduction to institutions based on their share of the reserve balances minus segregated fee operations. It further notes that in 2003-05 the Legislature prohibited the University from using balances generated from segregated fee funds for the transfer. There were no such restrictions placed on the UW System this biennium.

Although the auxiliary reductions were distributed to institutions based on their share of the cash balances excluding segregated fee funds, the System did not place restrictions on the campuses allocating those reductions to segregated fee funded balances. UW-Madison assessed its transfer requirement to operations with 128 cash balances irrespective of whether or not segregated fee funds generated the balances. In talking to staff on the campus it appears the largest area of contention is the assessment of \$181,491 to the Dean of Students Office. UW-Madison was assessed a total of \$2,159,285 for the transfer and felt that it was more appropriate to charge all operations with cash balances for their share of reductions instead of excluding segregated fees which would have significantly increased the impact on operations such as Housing and Student Health Operations, thus having a much larger impact on a smaller segment of the student population.

It is unfortunate that student segregated fee funds were impacted by this reduction, but whether it was through segregated fees or other fees such as housing fees, there was no way to avoid some impact on students due to this transfer. The question is who should pay and how much they should pay. In this case, it was determined that the institution was best able to decide how to allocate the reduction and UW-Madison chose to do a wider distribution of the reduction with a smaller per person impact.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Freda Harris

-----Original Message-----

From: Lori Berquam [mailto:lberquam@odos.wisc.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2009 1:58 PM

To: Tyler Junger; Thomas Cameron Templeton IV; KEVIN J HELMKAMP; DREW R WIELGUS; Halleran, Donna; Michael Patrick Romenesko; Brandon John Williams

Subject: 128 funds

*Tyler, Tom, Mike and Brandon,

I followed up on the questions about the seg fee lapse brought forward yesterday (by Tyler and Tom). It appears the Student Regent also put out a request for information. You can see Donna's response below.

It seems like the best course of action at this point would be to meet as soon as possible with Donna to get this matter addressed. Donna is available if you want to stop in to reconcile this. No one seems to know

where the "statute" is that is referenced in the May 03 document from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

Let's try to fully communicate to all parties and in the spirit of that
- I have copied a number of people on this message.

Thanks. lb

From:* Halleran, Donna
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2009 9:39 AM
To: 'Drew Wielgus'; LORI M BERQUAM
Subject: e-mail from student regent

Drew and Lori,

Student Regent Aaron Wingad sent an e-mail to Tom Anderes, UW System VP, this morning. Tom passed this on to Darrell. Aaron was contacted by ASM leaders regarding the financial aids transfer. Their specific concerns relate to whether the Legislature has a policy requiring that student fee accounts be excluded from the transfer and if the statutes prohibit use of student fees for financial aid.

The e-mail says the students feel like they have not been getting complete answers from UW-Madison administration and that they have brought their concerns to lower-level administration.

Earlier this summer Drew and I met with Tom Templeton and Mike Romenesko about the issue of whether seg fee accounts should be excluded from the transfer. I explained the exclusion by the Legislature only applied to the 2003-05 transfer and all instructions we received from UW System said the same requirement did not apply to this year's transfer. I also explained that most of the remaining auxiliaries in fund 128 are seg fee

funded and, if we excluded these, nearly the entire assessment would fall on two units-Housing and Transportation Services. Housing would need to cover their assessment with fees paid by students for living in the dorms. In essence, this is a transfer from all students to just the students living in campus housing. Regarding Transportation Services, I explained most of this money comes from employee parking fees. UW employees are being furloughed and lost their 2% increase. Should they also be asked to fund a big contribution to student financial aid?

They agreed that, although they didn't like the transfer from seg fees, the outcome if they were excluded was equally unfair. They seemed to be satisfied. In fact, they put out a press release the next day without mentioning this issue. They did bring up an entirely different issue in their press release, and this was a misunderstanding. We had a phone conversation with Darrell and others and cleared up the misunderstanding the next morning. Again, they seemed to be satisfied.

Darrell and I have never had a conversation with anyone regarding the legality of using student fees for financial aid. This is the first we've heard of this issue and I will look into it.

So, we are confused about the claim they are talking to UW-Madison administration and not getting complete answers. Could you please let me know what conversations you have had with the students on these topics, or if you are aware of anyone else that has talked to them?

Donna