



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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To: Deans, Principal Investigators

From: Don Para, Provost

Re: Facilities and Administrative revenues

CSULB's academic purpose is: "to graduate students with highly valued degrees." In seeking to fulfill CSULB's academic purpose, the University has established two priorities: student success and faculty support.

CSULB's faculty enjoys a rising reputation for scholarly and creative achievement, a reputation that extends across the state, the nation and, in some cases, even the globe. External grants and contracts (G&C) can and do contribute to the high value of our degrees and to our priorities.

On October 16, 2007, then-provost Karen Gould issued the "Provost's Statement on Increased Support for Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activity and Technology." She correctly noted that to "...provide a world-class education in an increasingly competitive world, the university must provide more support" for scholarly and creative activities. To address these needs, then Provost Gould moved to "redirect" moderate shares (ten to twenty percent) of funds from California Lottery, self-support ("extension") revenues, and grant-related Facilities and Administrative revenues. Since that time, redirected funds have been used to support Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities, assigned time for new tenure track faculty, and technology "desktop refresh" to ensure that faculty and staff members have access to adequate computers.

On July 15, 2011, my office issued "New practices and procedures for Grants and Contracts Facilities and Administrative (F&A) funds."¹ These new practices were aimed at

- Encouraging the research, scholarly and creative activities of our excellent faculty,
- Maintaining and improving support for grants and contracts (G&C) activities at CSULB,
- Maintaining excellent customer service for principal investigators, and
- Increasing the number and amount of grants awarded to the campus.

¹ <http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/research/our/information/policies/documents/FApolicy18July11.pdf>

These new practices & procedures were developed based on research and input from the Associate Vice President for Research & Sponsored Programs, discussions with a faculty advisory committee, discussions with the academic deans, and discussions with senior campus leadership. Among other things, these new practices make it possible for the University to accept equipment grants, fellowships, and other awards with low F&A rates (including 0%) without charge to the college or other administrative unit.

These new practices properly assign costs for administering G&C such as pre-award services, post-award services and Foundation services to F&A revenues. In implementing our new practices, we had hoped to be able to reduce redirection of F&A funds. However, our recent review of first quarter grant F&A revenues indicates that it will not be possible to adequately support our research endeavors without continuing redirection of F&A funds.

Therefore, for the current year, we will continue the practice originated by Karen Gould of redirecting 10% of F&A revenue to support research activities such as Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity and assigned time for new tenure track faculty. For the first quarter, this total for all accounts is approximately \$16,500. We will continue to evaluate grant revenues very closely.

Thank you very much.

C:

President Alexander

Vice Presidents Stephens, Robinson and Taylor

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