

Academic Affairs 2008-09 Initial Projections

The Academic Affairs Division¹ includes the following instructional and academic support programs for 2008-09:

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

College of Natural Resources & Sciences

College of Professional Studies

Library

Information Technology Services

Office of Academic Affairs (OAA-Combined), which is comprised of the Provost's Office, Academic Personnel Services, Academic Programs & Undergraduate Studies, Advising Center, Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Research & Graduate Studies, International Students Program, Budget & Institutional Data, and Academic Senate Office

Centrally Managed Commitments (CMC) is primarily a division-wide holding account for faculty governance, sabbaticals, special faculty release-time and benefits, and other centrally managed funding to be disbursed to the colleges and academic support units. A small amount of funds are spent directly from this account for items and services that benefit the division. Examples include such things as music license fees, classroom ethernet charges, and room reservation contract services.

Funds shown in separate reports linked to this document include General Funds (HM500) and Lottery (TU006-Campus-based Programs in Academic Affairs, TU008-Teacher Recruitment, TU009-California Pre-doctoral Program).

General Funds

The division began 2008-09 with a General Fund base budget of \$55.4 million. Another \$1.2 million was rolled forward from the prior year (see the 2007-08 year-end report at: <http://www.humboldt.edu/~bid/07-08%20Year-end%20Report%20Intro.pdf> for detail on roll forward). Additional revenue is anticipated from a variety of sources, such as benefit increases, grants/contracts, transfers between units and from other divisions and the system. Also included is revenue from reimbursements (R/RS programs), which is generated by charging students, other units, or the general public. Examples include such things as the College of Natural Resources & Sciences student lab fee, employee identification card charges, and the Coral Sea vessel rental fees. Encumbrance budgets are rolled from one year to the next, along with prior-year encumbrance expenses, so that those charges can be paid. Readjustment of allocations refers to internal account transfers. Beginning July 2008 Academic Affairs provided colleges/departments with faculty settlements costs and the average lecturer vacant rate for vacant faculty positions due to retirements/resignations.² Any remaining funding in these positions has been centralized in the CMC and is part of the original base budget in the CMC for 2008-09. Funding scooped from vacant faculty positions during fall semester 2008 has also been

¹ Academic Affairs auxiliary enterprises/organizations—Child Development Lab, Extended Education, and Sponsored Programs Foundation—have been excluded from projections.

² Refer to Academic Affairs Divisional Budget Policy on vacant positions at: http://www.humboldt.edu/~bid/Budget_Policy_7-01-08.doc

centralized in the CMC and is shown under vacant position transfers. At present all of this funding will be held for the very real possibility of budget reductions and will also provide flexibility for division-wide priorities. Current best guesstimates of total anticipated revenue will increase Academic Affairs budget to \$59.8 million in 2008-09.

The division anticipates spending \$58.4 million in 2008-09. Cost recovery³ generated by grants/contracts and chargebacks of \$737 thousand will reduce expenses to approximately \$57.7 million, leaving a balance of \$2.1 million. The majority of this balance comes from money currently held centrally in the CMC and from benefit savings. At this point in time benefit requirements are difficult to project and we expect this number to be substantially lower if past history holds true. Reimbursements (R/RS programs) are also difficult to predict at this point in time due to lack of historical knowledge on reimbursed programs (prior to May 2008 many of the RS programs were in trust accounts). Other programs have funding that is dedicated to special purposes, such as the Math & Science Teacher Initiative, and can only be used for those purposes. ***Barring mid-year reductions and unforeseen circumstances, we expect the majority of funds remaining at the division level at the end of 2008-09 to be used for budget reductions and/or funding position requirements for 2009-10.***

Lottery

The University received \$7 thousand in additional Lottery funds for 2008-09, bringing the total allocation to \$854 thousand. Of that total \$720 thousand is allocated to Academic Affairs programs and \$134 thousand is allocated to Student Affairs programs. The additional \$7 thousand received in 2008-09 was allocated for two purposes: (1) \$1.1 thousand went to the Future Scholars scholarship program to restore scholarships to their historical level of \$30 thousand and keep scholarships in even increments and (2) \$5.9 thousand went to the Library to help purchase books. Very little was rolled in Lottery funds from 2007-08, primarily \$11 thousand in Teacher Recruitment funds, which are restricted in purpose. Academic Affairs programs had Lottery encumbrance budgets/expenses totaling around \$134 thousand. It is anticipated that all Lottery funds will be spent in 2008-09.

Summaries of Academic Affairs revenue and expenses for both General Funds and Lottery and detailed spreadsheets by individual major budget units within the division can be found at: http://www.humboldt.edu/~bid/08_09_Projection.xls

³ Note that two colleges currently show cost recovery for grants/contracts as revenue and expense while the third college and ITS show cost recovery for grants/contracts and chargebacks respectively as offset to expense. This will be corrected in future projections and all units will show cost recovery as offset to expense.