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DATE Tuesday, 3 November 2009

SUBJECT Response to Senate Question Regarding Teaching Assistantships

You were asked a question at Senate regarding the change in the number and monetary value of teaching assistantships in 2009/10 versus 2008/09. The following is our response.

Analysis of the total (undifferentiated) value of TA income can be obtained through a simple query of the payroll system. Differentiation and breakdown of this income (by student, faculty/program, grad/undergrad, etc.) requires a much more complex query at the student record level. Furthermore, the analysis we normally perform on student financial support after the end of the academic year involves a substantial amount of data validation and correction. We have provided a timely response to the question by addressing only total TA income (not average, and not the number of TA's) on essentially unvalidated year-to-date (May – October) data. We have provided a time series for context.

The data indicate that for the first six months of the 2009/10 fiscal year, total TA income has increased 1.5% over the corresponding period in 2008/09.

A final analysis (of the entire year, at the student-record/differentiated level, and using validated data) will be available for 2009/10 in approximately March 2011.

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Chris Conway

Attachment

**Teaching Assistantship Payments**  
**Response to Senate Information Request**

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**Office of Institutional Research and Planning, November 2, 2009**

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09p	2009/10p	% Change 08/09 - 09/10	\$ Change 08/09 - 09/10
May	262,111	313,453	344,750	329,586	-4.40%	-15,164
June	325,706	389,464	296,325	297,247	0.31%	922
July	139,316	172,603	171,894	186,860	8.71%	14,966
Aug	138,586	137,422	156,334	159,991	2.34%	3,657
Sept	1,179,418	1,167,879	1,249,535	1,268,914	1.55%	19,380
Oct	1,289,051	1,319,630	1,399,347	1,427,897	2.04%	28,551
Nov	1,295,198	1,350,949	1,399,167			
Dec	1,369,767	1,318,413	1,392,587			
Jan	1,198,999	1,217,904	1,274,366			
Feb	1,294,072	1,279,939	1,390,178			
Mar	1,254,881	1,251,833	1,350,270			
Apr	1,269,736	1,317,562	1,354,464			
Total: Year	11,016,842	11,237,050	11,779,216			
Total: May-Oct	3,334,190	3,500,450	3,618,184	3,670,495		52,311
% Change Yr Over Yr May-Oct		4.99%	3.36%	1.45%		