

WHY SUMMER SESSION COURSES ARE BEING CANCELLED

The Administration has adopted a new Summer Session formula that **requires course tuition revenue to be greater than 1.45 X the faculty salary (31/3% per credit hour)** for teaching the course.

Summer Session sample calculations:

For a 3.0 credit hour undergraduate course with 16 in-state students:

- tuition revenue is 16 students X 3.0 credit hours x \$392.79/credit hour = **\$18,853.92**
 - Note: Tuition is higher for graduate and out of state students.
- If the faculty member's 9-month pay is \$80,000, the Summer course pay is 10% or \$8000.00
- The UT cost formula for running the course is now: $1.45 \times \$8000 = \textbf{\$11,600}$

The course will net UT a **profit of \$7,253.92** (**\$18,853.92 - \$11,600**) and should run.

Now, insert the "Administrative Wildcard":

The above example course should run in the Summer. However, the Administration has a wild a card in their equation. They subtract any scholarship students from the revenue. We, of course, cannot check this out. Scholarship data is with the Administration. It is not understood why scholarship students are subtracted since UT receives SSI for all students.

As a result of this previously unannounced, new formula for determining the fiscal viability of Summer Session courses, a number of Summer courses were cancelled. This includes courses like the above example.

Prior to the implementation of this new formula approach, the Administration required Summer courses to have a minimum enrollment that ranged from 8 to 15 in order to run the class.

Some of the colleges, including Arts & Letters, decreased their Summer Session budgets. This resulted in even more Summer courses being cancelled. Although a cost formula may make sense, it does not make sense to cancel profitable courses because of a budget.

The Administration has been trying to build up enrollment for the new Winter Intersession courses scheduled over the December-January break period. This is a good idea, but it has not been successful for UT. BGSU reportedly has had success with enrollment of over 2000 students. Our enrollments have been low.

Why are we trying to increase enrollments for the unprofitable Winter Intersession while putting a formula and budget restrictions on profitable Summer Sessions? This adversely hits the UT General Fund budget and the faculty summer income which is vital to many faculty including families.