

UT-AAUP Newsletter - June 8, 2020

More on Cancellation of Summer Sessions Courses

The Administration has advised that the cancellation of many Summer Session I courses was based in part on a short-fall in the FY-20 Summer Session budget which includes funding for part-time faculty, visiting faculty and Summer Session courses. Because Summer I falls at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2020, much of the budget in some colleges such as Arts & Letters had been spent earlier in the fiscal year on part-time and visiting faculty leaving less funds and a budget short-fall for Summer Session I courses.

Some Summer session I courses were canceled because of the budget short-fall even though the courses had high enrollment. The University lost profitable revenue in Summer I, it is because of these courses being canceled.

Summer II does not have this budget problem because it is at the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2020. Summer III overlaps in both fiscal years. We do not have information on the cancellation of any Summer III courses. We are waiting to see if Summer II courses are canceled.

Some courses were also canceled under the 1.45 cost/revenue formula because enrollment contained a large number of College Credit Plus (CCP) students.

The cancellation of high enrollment courses including those with CCP students could have an adverse impact on Fall 2020 enrollment.

The Administration uses a separate central budget for the Winter Intersession. Low enrollment Winter Intersession courses in one budget may not be canceled while high enrollment Summer Session I courses in a separate budget are cancelled.

The Administration is considering whether the funding of part-time faculty, visiting faculty, and Summer Session courses should be in the same budget. In any case, the Summer Session budget process is hurting students, faculty and the University. It needs to be reviewed and fixed.

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