Tuition and Fees Payment Mandate

Faculty Senate Meeting
November 11, 2019
Background

- 2005 – university mandate (tuition payment)
- 2011 – university revised mandate (tuition payment)
- Fees continue to represent a significant cost for PhD GAs. Faculty and graduate students call for expansion of mandate
- FY20, university allocated
  - Approximately $2.5 million dollars in one time transition funds
  - $4 million in base funds to pay fees for PhD graduate assistants (GATs and GALs) who support the teaching mission of the university.
- FY21,
  - Mandate will be expanded (tuition and required university and select college fees)

- To advance university efforts to fully support PhD students and,
- To attract the best graduate students to advance graduate education and research
Revised Mandate

For PhD students initially enrolled in Fall/Summer 2020 and beyond

- Resident Tuition, *Required University Fees*, and *Required College Fees*¹
- for PhD GATs (Graduate Assistant Teaching), GARs (Graduate Assistant Research), and GALs (Graduate Assistant Lecturers)
- paid at least through their 5th year of study -- for students admitted without a master’s degree; and through their 4th year of study -- for students admitted with a master’s degree.

¹ Definitions will be provided in guidelines document.
Grandfathering

• For PhD students admitted without a master’s degree and initial PhD enrollment between Fall 2016 to Spring 2020; or

• PhD students admitted with a master’s degree and initial PhD enrollment between Fall 2017 to Spring 2020

  ▪ Resident Tuition, **Required University Fees, and Required College Fees**
  ▪ for PhD GATs, GARs, and GALs
  ▪ paid at least through their 5th year of study -- for students admitted without a master’s degree; and at least through their 4th year of study -- for students admitted with a master’s degree.
Tuition & Fees Payment

• PhD GATs and GALs adloc’d to academic departments
  – Central pool funds

• PhD GARs –
  – Internal accounts (select TAMU state accounts)
  – Externally funded grants & contracts
    • SRS has been including tuition and fees in proposal budgets where the granting agency permits payment of tuition and fees
    • Exception: where the granting agency does not permit payment of some or all tuition and fees
Transition Funding for Fees Payment

- Limited bridge funds will be available in FY21 and FY22
  - to assist with payment of required university fees for PhD GARs funded by proposals for external grants and contracts submitted before December 1, 2019

  - where the granting agency permits payment of required fees and which did not include funds to cover university required fees for funded PhD GARs [should be very limited]

  - where the granting agency does not permit payment of some or all required fees.

- Guidelines for requesting bridge funds will be released by June 1, 2020.
Open Discussions

- AgriLife state-funded GARs
- School of Public Health
- College of Architecture
- TAMU Galveston
QUESTIONS?

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