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President's Office

Overview

The President's Office is composed of the Office of the President and the Office of Affirmative Action. Dr. Dennis L. Hefner serves as the University President, a position he has held since January 1997. The office represents the "front door" to external visitors and to the community, serves as the campus' primary spokesperson, and is responsible for the overall operation of the university. Responsibilities extend to approval of campus policies; authorization of budget allocations; the granting of retention, tenure, and promotion to faculty; and the awarding of promotion and permanency to staff. Coordination activities include hosting numerous social and fund-raising events, including those held at the President's House, and handling a myriad of campus-wide activities, such as the All-Campus Meetings, Annual Retirement Dinner, President's Award for Excellence Luncheon, and Dialogues on Diversity, just to name a few. State and national lobbying efforts are coordinated by this office, and there is full involvement in securing external funding from all sources. Compliance with federal Affirmative Action regulations is another responsibility of this office.

Highlights

Overall campus performance and the improving image of the campus represent highlights from this past year. SUNY Fredonia is again ranked within the top 100 in the nation by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine and the *Princeton Review*, and is rated twelfth among public master's universities in the North by *U.S. News and World Report*. Regardless of the flaws in specific rankings, this level of consistency represents tangible evidence of the positive image achieved by SUNY Fredonia. Even more important is the seventh place national ranking for four-year graduation rates among public universities. Other highlights include the university's ability to attract a record number of freshmen applications for Fall 2008, growing numbers of faculty applicants from some of the best doctoral universities in the nation, and expanded opportunities for external grants, student internships and community service, and study abroad programs. Program accreditations received this past year include an eight-year reauthorization of our Social Work program by the Council on Social Work Education, and full and complete accreditation for our Education programs by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Planning Assumptions

Planning assumptions used in the development of the President's Office budget for 2008-2009:

- No additional funds will be allocated to the President's Office for 2008-09. Two major accreditation activities will require larger amounts from existing accounts.
- The campus-wide 10-year reaccreditation by Middle States began in Spring 2008, and will continue until the team visit in Spring 2010.
- The next phase of the Business program accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) involves higher expenses than last year.
- Most 2008-09 expenditures will be consistent



with previous years, and will be made in support of the institutional priorities, and especially the goals listed in the Fredonia Plan.

Operating Budget

The 2008-2009 budget of the President's Office is \$488,500 - an increase of \$16,900 from last year's budget. Other than inflationary salary adjustments, the President's Office budget is unchanged from the previous year. The budget is composed of 3.5 FTE positions: University President, Assistant to President, Secretary, and half-time Affirmative Action Officer. Temporary service dollars are used to cover student workers, and equipment is limited primarily to replacement of one computer each year. The contractual expense account is used exclusively to cover the cost of campus-wide and academic program accreditation fees and expenses.



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SUNY FREDONIA		
Proposed 2008-2009 Operating Budget		
SUMMARY		
President's Office		
2007-2008 Original Base Budget		\$ 471,600
2007-2008 Campus Adjustments		
2007-2008 Negotiated Salary Adjustments	16,900	
Sub-Total Permanent Adjustments		16,900
2007-2008 Final Base Budget		\$ 488,500
2008-2009 Budget Adjustments		0
2008-2009 Base Budget		\$ 488,500



2008-2009 SUNY Fredonia Operating Budget

SUNY FREDONIA Proposed 2008-2009 Operating Budget

President

	2008-2009 Proposed Allocation	2007-2008 Proposed Allocation	Change
President's Office Personnel	\$ 318,400	\$ 302,500	\$ 15,900
Affirmative Action	35,400	34,400	1,000
Overtime	100	100	-
Personal Service Regular	\$ 353,900	\$ 337,000	\$ 16,900
Temporary Service	6,100	6,100	-
Supplies & Expense	54,000	54,000	-
Contractual Expense	71,600	71,600	-
Equipment	2,900	2,900	-
Utilities	-	-	-
Library Acquisitions	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 488,500	\$ 471,600	\$ 16,900