

RACAR Minutes April 22, 2008

John McElroy from TouchNet provided a presentation accompanied by Jeff Rapp on many of the TouchNet products and how they work.

Amanda Marshall requested that three Accounts Receivable area personnel provide proposals for presentations at the GA Summit for this September. The deadline is approaching for those submissions.

Beth Welsh presented on Web Check reconciliation and ACH processing at Medical College of Georgia.

Carol Payne presented on procedures for running TFRBILL, TSRCBIL, TSRTBIL, and ACH Conversion of checks at Georgia Tech.

Tonya Lam Presentation:

Tonya Lam presented that Pearce and Pearce premiums are out for 08-09. Undergrad \$830 Annual Grad \$946 annual premium, Voluntary-\$1351 annual premium.

Tonia briefly presented detailed benefits of the plans. PowerPoint is available.

Questions from schools are do the benefits fit the need? MCG made the decision to take the Wellness rider, this is an institutional decision. There is also a needlestick rider and athletic rider. New for this year are hotlines for nursing and mental health (\$2.50 per semester/\$5 annually) and an accident plan rider.

All riders are the decision of each institution, and must be taken on for all students at an institution.

There has been an increase in the number of students who have mental health needs.

Schools should submit student data for enrolled students to P&P within 30 days after the start of the semester. Students must register with the vendor online, and you must bill and collect payment from these students, reconciling with Pearce and Pearce to be sure that all billed students were collected from within 60 days of the start of the term.

Schools should remit 80% of collected premiums within 60 days of the start of the term. Pearce and Pearce has been patient with the schools, but are becoming less patient as we move forward. There are currently 4 outstanding schools for Fall and 17 outstanding schools from Spring term.

Every campus has a designated SHIP contact. Make sure you are aware who your SHIP contact is. Communication has been an issue. It is that SHIP contact's responsibility that everyone on the campus is aware when premiums come out, literature is distributed, etc, and that students are up to date.

P&P has customized reports for institutions per our requests, and you should continue to put in requests if new needs arise.

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Legislative Update:

House bill 815-Optional retirement plan, effective July 1st, BOR will be authorized to set the contributions for ORP, previously that was set by TRS. The rate will be a little better than it has been with TRS.

House bill 1183-Permitting BOR to carry forward up to one year up to 3% of the tuition revenue. Guaranteed tuition plan –the idea was to carry forward that 3% to offset guaranteed tuition losses. This year they will carry forward the 3% to help with that. This also means that end of year tuition money will be carried forward. This is good through 2010, then we will have to renew.

Senate bill 492-Impacts in state or out of state classification of students. Florida Council of Independent schools was looking to get on the HOPE list. There are several on the border situations that are granted HOPE already. **The BOR tuition classification policy is being put into law now. Any future changes to this would have to be a change of law.**

Guaranteed Tuition Plan:

The GTR (rate) should be held constant for each new undergraduate student or transfer student who entered the system for the first time in fall 2006 or later.

To help in communicating with students: http://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/tuition/

Related links are the FAQs, to help your school and committee members understand.

“What is my tuition rate for Fall 2008?” There are links for each scenario out there.

For Non-USG transfer students the continuing rate applies at the end of Summer this year.

Effective 2007, at the expiration of the GTR term, part time students shall be charged the continuing rate. Part-Time students shall be defined as attempting no more than avg. of 12 credit hours for each year of the guarantee period. No more than 36 hours over 3 year period. NO more than 48 hours over the 4 year period, no more than 60 hours over the 5 year period.

Attribute codes are : FA##, FT##, SP##,ST##, SU##,UT##

Part time issues: must be able to identify students original rate plan, which rate plan the student receives when it expires, and to communicate the correct rate to other institutions and GSFC

Potential solution: Keep the original attribute and add a fifth character to the attribute:

FA##-then C for continuing and G for guaranteed rate (example)

Carol Payne said that she will expire the fee assessment rule on SFARGFE when the attribute expires. This would back up the removal of the attribute by Admissions.

Each campus is supposed to identify a GTP Champion!

GTP committee is being put together to advise USG on this subject about what works and what doesn't.

To get in touch with the USG student affairs office, the resource page is http://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/sar/

To submit a question:

Student-affairs@usg.edu

This email address is logged and tracked to be sure that you get a response.

Appointments for RACAR:

Beth Welsh Medical College of Georgia for Vice-Chair

Sheryl Humphrey from Southern Polytechnic State University for Secretary

Tonya Lam sent this email to clarify the part-time option for students in GTP:

All,

The policy manual has been update to include the part-time student information. Please note the part-time option applies only to students who entered the USG as **NEW** students and who were assigned a GTP rate when they entered.

It **does not** apply to non-usg transfer students.

Thank you to those who volunteered to serve on the GTP committee.

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