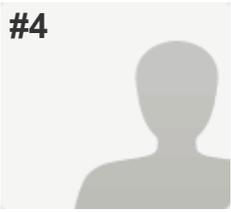


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PAGE 2: Validation Section

Q1: 1: Please enter the email address for the individual who originally received the link to this survey. Your email address will be used to validate your response and to identify duplicate responses.

Q2: Please enter your numeric survey code. The survey code was provided to you in the email that contained the link to this survey.

PAGE 3: Evaluation Section

Q3: Would your campus change the way the Office of the President calculates campus assessments? If so, how?

No. The methodology currently utilized to calculate campus assessments was recently reviewed in a consultative process with each campus.

Q4: Would your campus change anything about the campus assessment process? If so, include any comments about the timing, coordination, transparency, or any other aspect of the process that you would change.

As the university moves toward the implementation of long-range financial planning models, it would be helpful for campuses to receive multi-year planning parameters. Such planning parameters would not be meant to be a commitment as to the level of assessments in future years, but rather an indication of future expectations.

Q5: Do you believe the amount you pay to the Office of the President fairly represents the value of the services you receive from the Office of the President and the systemwide programs you use? Please explain your response.

As the youngest campus in the UC system, the growth of UC Merced requires a significant amount of collaboration with the Office of the President. The assessment methodology is generally fair in nature. At the same time, efforts to streamline processes that reduce staff work for both the Office of the President staff and campus staff would be valuable.

Q6: More specifically, since the time that the campus assessment process went into effect in fiscal year 2011-12, to what degree do you feel that the Office of the President calculates campus assessments in a way that reflects your actual use of Office of the President services provided to your campus?

I do not know. (Please provide a brief explanation). While the methodology for the assessment appears fair, it is not possible to answer this question without a complete understand of the amount of services that each campus uses. However, an accounting of staff time on a campus-by-campus basis would add administrative burden and would make the use of university resources less efficient.

Q7: Did the Funding Streams Initiative have an impact on your campus's ability to budget effectively? If so, how?

The funding streams initiative has enabled the university to provide a higher degree of flexibility to campuses to budget effectively. However, by shifting the responsibility for decision making to the campus, our campus is now positioned to begin to develop budget practices that address our unique circumstances.

Q8: What is your perspective regarding the stability of the campus assessment amount?

Over time, the dollar value of the assessment will rise with inflation and with systemwide initiatives executed by the Office of the President. Efforts to provide forward-looking expectations about the level of the assessment would be welcomed.

Q9: How does the campus assessment effect long-term financial planning at your campus?

At present, campuses must make their own determination about the possible future level of the assessment. While forward-looking projections may not prove accurate, they could help guide long-term financial planning.

Q10: Please choose one box to rate your campus's current satisfaction with the Office of the President's...

Collaboration with your campus related to the total campus assessment amount.	Satisfied
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Collaboration with your campus related to the formula for the campus assessment distribution among all University of California campuses.	Satisfied
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Process for announcing when your campus must pay the campus assessment.	Okay
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Transparency regarding what the campus assessment pays for within the Office of the President.	Okay
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Guidance on what funds are appropriate for paying the campus assessment.	Satisfied
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Coordination with your budget unit regarding the impact of campus assessment increases or decreases.	Okay
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Q11: Do you have any additional comments or clarifications regarding your ratings for the question above?

No.

PAGE 4: Concluding Section

Q12: Do you have any additional comments or information that you believe is relevant and useful to our audit?

No.
