Program Costing Vs. RCM

Program Costing is meant to be a proximity tool to help gauge the health of a program. It helps narrow in on programs that aren't performing at an appropriate level. It is not an accounting tool; users cannot directly and completely reconcile Program Costing to financial reports.

Category	Description	Program Costing	RCM
Level Impacted	To what level is this analysis completed	To the individual program	To the Dean level only
Revenue	Tuition Revenue (100% x # students)	To Program	To Academic department
	Provincial GPOG grant	WFU applied to program X in year rate (\$4,358 for	At 90% of cash rate = \$3,426
		F15/16)	(Cash Rate \$3,807 X 90% = \$3,426)
	Provincial GROWTH Grant	Not included in Program Costing	Included in GPOG disbursement calculation
	International Student premium	To Program @ 35%	To Academic department @ 35%
	Miscellaneous revenues	To Program	To Academic department
	Incidental Fees	To Program	To Academic department
Expenses	Academic Salaries and Benefits (FT & PT)	To Program	To Academic department
	Direct Operating Costs	To Program	To Academic Department
	Service Course Delivery Costs – Cost of delivering	To Program based on Teaching Contact Hours	Included in Direct Costs of Academic department
	general courses such as – Eng, Math, etc.	(TCHs) attributed.	
	Overhead Allocations – Share of Chair's, Dean's and portion of VP of Academic operating costs(Program Costing) Central Administrative Costs (Non-Academic departments which support Academics) Space Allocation Dedicated – Space specific to a program Non-dedicated – Space available to any program	To program based on TCHs Not included Dedicated space is charged a square foot cost as provided by Physical Resources Open/Undedicated space is charged a per	 SVPA office expense part of Common basket of services Chairs, Dean's expenses included in Departments Direct Costs. To Academic department based on % of total direct costs Woodroffe Specific – Allocated based on assignable square footage at Woodroffe Campus General Overhead – Allocated based on
		hour cost calculated using the square footage of all open space x square footage cost / total scheduled open/undedicated hours	assignable square footage Other campuses – included in Direct Costs of Academic department
	Space Rate (Per Square Foot)	Determined with Physical Resources based on actual costs	Physical Resources net expenditure budget divided by assignable square footage for each square foot
	Depreciation Expense – Assets assigned to a program's cost center	To program, based on # of hours if multiple programs	N/A
Goal	Standard benchmark for Contribution Margin %	25% contribution margin, assist the academic area in meeting overall C.M.	Set annually by Academic department as part of Area Targets.