

<p>=VO=</p> <p>Georgia College Sign close to downtown old courthouse (544G2084_01img 7566 MOV)</p> <p>=VO=</p> <p>Students walking front campus close to Chick-Fil-A and parks hall (544G2089)</p> <p>=VO=</p> <p>Students in class in Atkinson Building being taught marketing in one corner discussing upcoming assignments (544G2060)</p> <p>VO- students leaving classroom (file 544G2074)</p> <p>=VO=</p> <p>Parks hall sign/ financial aid office sign</p> <p>=PIE CHART GRAPHIC=</p> <p>Pie chart showing percentage compared to the rest of the budget.</p>	<p>====VO-TRACK====</p> <p>Georgia College accepted its largest class of freshman for the 2023-2024 school year.</p> <p>====VO-TRACK====</p> <p>That means more money from tuition payments-</p> <p>====VO-TRACK====</p> <p>-And an increase in class sizes and the number of professors needed.</p> <p>====VO-TRACK====</p> <p>So where is all the money going?</p> <p>The funds generated from the 2023-24 school year will not be available until 2026.</p> <p>The USG's funding formula lags two fiscal years.</p> <p>====VO/TRACK====</p> <p>So, the money being spent right now was brought in around the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>Here is how that budget laid out.</p> <p>====PIE CHART/TRACK====</p> <p>With an original approved budget of around 148 million dollars-</p> <p>-Only about 50 million of it comes from tuition payments.</p> <p>That is a little over 33 percent of the overall budget.</p>
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<p>VO OF VP'S OFFICE</p> <p>QUOTE</p> <p><i>“However, there are many variables that can impact how the final budget is built. The state's formula funding is based on enrollment and lags two fiscal years. GCSU had to mitigate a reduction of \$564,000 to state appropriations in FY24 as a result of enrollment decline in FY22.”</i></p>	<p>==VO OF HIS OFFICE/TRACK==</p> <p>In a statement, the Vice President of Finance and Administration notes that</p> <p>==GRAPHIC QUOTE==</p> <p>ALL OF THE MONEY FROM TUITION PAYMENTS WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO BE SPENT.</p> <p><i>HE SAID GCSU had to mitigate a reduction of 564-THOUSAND DOLLARS to state appropriations in FY24 as a result of enrollment decline in FY22.”</i></p>
<p>STANDUP</p>	<p>==STANDUP==</p> <p>We sat down with Dean Eric Tenbus to speak about the College of Arts and Sciences budget requests.</p>
<p>SOT</p>	<p>==SOT/ERIC TENBUS==</p> <p><i>I don't know exactly how much we needed. With the huge class that came in. and it was kind of a moving target.. we thought we had all of our faculty setup and then we know we were going to have more students than anticipated.</i></p>
<p>SHOT OUTSIDE OF DEAN TENBUS OFFICE</p>	<p>==SOT/ERIC TENBUS==</p> <p><i>So, the provost office provided more funding for us to try to get some more faculty. And that's very difficult once you get into summer cause you're really pushing up against the beginning of the new year</i></p>
<p>=VO=</p> <p>Walking in front of a&s</p>	<p>==VO-TRACK==</p> <p>Georgia College spent over one million dollars on new staff to support the incoming freshman class.</p>
<p>TABLE</p>	<p>==TABLE-TRACK==</p> <p>That is part of the 26 million used for instruction.</p> <p>==VO==</p> <p><i>Micheal Stratton, the Dean of the college of</i></p>

<p>Outside of Stratton's office</p> <p>=SOT=</p> <p>=SOT=</p> <p>Shot of student walking into the bottom floor of Atkinson</p> <p>=VO=</p> <p>Shot of Atkinson showing new furniture</p> <p>=VO=</p> <p>GCSU BIG LETTERS AT CENTINNEL</p> <p>=SOT=</p> <p>=VO=</p> <p>students walking pathway</p> <p>=SOT/Sydnni Adams=</p> <p>Sydnni Adams senior, CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR (544G2079) water fountain in background</p>	<p><i>business explained his budget approvals.</i></p> <p>==SOT/STRATTON==</p> <p><i>We have the short-term requests, this is why I said it was a little bit of a complex answer, but the short-term requests Were Two out of the three were approved.</i></p> <p>==SOT/STRATTON==</p> <p><i>So we have new technology in our main conference room and the first floor of Atkinson received all new furniture</i></p> <p>==VO==</p> <p>The students at Georgia College are getting good use out of the new furniture.</p> <p>==VO-TRACK==</p> <p>But some students question certain purchases.</p> <p>==SOT==</p> <p><i>Honestly like those big Georgia College signs, like they just put one in front of the gym.</i></p> <p>==VO/TRACK==</p> <p>Some students even question the recent decision of the USG to increase tuition.</p> <p>=SOT/SYDNNI ADAMS=</p> <p><i>I think Georgia college does spend the money wisely but I do have a few concerns about why we are having a 2.5% increase for in-state tuition because if they're spending it correctly why do we need more money? I understand that we have different, you know arts and sciences, atkinson, different colleges, but I just do not understand where it's going to and what they're putting it towards</i></p>
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Parks Hall next to hope and zell sign

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WHAT WE'VE JUST SHOWN YOU IS SOME OF THE CURRENT BUDGET ALLOCATIONS AND HOW THEY WERE SPENT.

HOW THE MONEY FROM THE 23-24 FRESHMAN CLASS IS SPENT IS STILL UNKNOWN BECAUSE OF THE STATE'S FUNDING FORMULA WHICH HAS A TWO-YEAR LAG.

I AM SKYLA MORRIS, WITH REPORTING FROM SHADIMON SMITH AND CAROLINE BAGWELL, THIS IS BOBCAT REPORTS ON GC'S BUDGET CONCERNS.