

 UNIVERSITY of DENVER	UNIVERSITY OF DENVER POLICY MANUAL Gainshare Policy		
Responsible Department: Controller's Office Recommended By: G. Kvistad, C. Woody Approved By: Board of Trustees	Policy Number 2.20.010	Effective Date: June 5, 2015	

I. Introduction and Policy Overview

It is the policy of the University of Denver to encourage and reward departmental and divisional financial performance by establishing a Designated Gain Sharing Fund.

At the election of the Board of Trustees, transfers can be made from operating unrestricted funds to Designated Gain Sharing Fund accounts belonging to program and operating units of the University. Designated Gain Sharing Funds may be used for future operating purposes in accordance with the following policy guidelines.

II. Process Overview

- A. Operating Unrestricted revenues in excess of budget will be shared between the University and divisional operating units with budgetary responsibility for raising those revenues. Tuition, fees, and sales of educational and auxiliary units are included.

The divisional operating unit and the University will share equally (50/50) in the distribution of revenues beyond budget.

- B. Divisional operating units will retain 100% of unspent expense budgets so long as any revenue budgets for those units have been met. Unspent fringe benefit pools will revert to the University.
- C. Senior Management has the authority to define the "divisional operating unit" and to define the "revenues" and "expense" measurements to allow for changes in structure and unique circumstances in each division.

- D. The calculation of funds available for Gain Sharing will be determined from year-end results.
- E. The monies due divisions for Gain Sharing will be held in separate Designated Fund accounts. Interest earned on the Designated Fund accounts will go into the University's general fund (Operating Unrestricted).
- F. Balances in Designated Fund accounts will be measured at the close of each fiscal year. In any given year, operating units may spend up to one-third of the prior fiscal year's year-end accumulated fund balance. All unspent balances will remain in the Designated Fund accounts (e.g. unspent balances do not revert to the University). Senior Management has the authority to make exceptions to the one-third limit for special projects or where circumstances warrant spending more.
- G. Gain Sharing funds are intended to serve as seed money for program enhancement and development, space renovation projects, and for such things as faculty travel, equipment, and unbudgeted nonrecurring expenditures.
 - a. Gain Sharing funds may not be used directly or indirectly to create appointed staff positions, salary increases, or graduate assistantships.
 - b. Gain Sharing funds may be used for scholarships, so long as students are not promised continuing support from designated funds.
 - c. Deans and other division heads will have wide latitude in determining how Gain Sharing funds will be deployed across and within the responsibility centers and/or departments and programs under their management. It is anticipated that spending decisions will strike some balance between furthering divisional priorities and rewarding those units responsible for generation of the funds.
- H. Operating units will be expected to utilize balances in Gain Sharing accounts to cover revenue shortfalls or expenditure overruns should they occur in subsequent years.
- I. The Controller will review all of the gain share calculations and results with the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs for their approval before the divisions are notified of their gain share amounts.
- J. Operating units must submit spending plans to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor or Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs prior to spending from their designated fund accounts in a given fiscal year.
- K. The Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs will report periodically to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees on the status of the Gain Sharing program.