

Deferred Charges

Instructions to the Commitment Offices

Payments made in the current fiscal year for services or goods to be received next fiscal year should be processed as **DEFERRED CHARGES**. In addition, payments that are **directly** related to the delivery of summer session classes are deferred. Deferring an expense involves processing the eSeePay DPV (Direct Payment Voucher) or Purchase Requisition against a special deferred charges clearing fund rather than the departmental fund indicated on the document. In the new fiscal year, the departmental fund will be charged for these expenses. Please note that restricted sponsored programs (3XXXXX) and plant construction (7XXXXX) funds do not have deferred charges.

The following expenses should be deferred:

- Athletics department payments to students for summer school board, beginning in late May.
- Expenses in excess of \$500 that are **directly** related to the delivery of summer session classes.

For example, if a purchase requisition is processed for textbooks or materials to be used by students in a summer institute or course, the fund number should be changed to the deferred fund. Direct summer session expenses also include the honoraria paid by the College of Arts & Sciences and the School of Education to summer institute instructors.

The administrative costs associated with operating the summer sessions office and recruiting students (e.g., advertising and travel) are indirect to the delivery of class instruction, and not subject to deferral.

- Deposits for events/speaker fees, where total cost of the event is in excess of \$500, and the event is scheduled after June 30.

For example, if a Purchase Requisition is processed for a retreat to be held in the new fiscal year, but a deposit is required before the end of old fiscal year, the deposit should be processed to the deferred fund. See below for additional instructions.

- Expenses for subscriptions/memberships/professional services in excess of \$500, but less than \$5,000, where the preponderance of the benefit will occur after July 1.

*For example, if a DPV is submitted for a yearly journal that starts in April, May or June, and is greater than \$500, then the charge is deferred. The Commitment Offices should first verify that a payment has already been recorded to the current fiscal year, **and then notify the department that the charge is to be deferred.***

Expenses less than \$500 are considered immaterial and are not generally deferred unless specifically requested by the department.

- Expenses for subscriptions/memberships/professional services in excess of \$5,000, should be allocated between fiscal years based on the number of months that fall in each year. Contact your Commitment Office for instructions.

The Commitment Office is responsible for reviewing a document and determining if the expense will be deferred. When indicated as a deferred charge, please process the document as follows:

1. For **eSeePay DPV's**, type a note on FOATEXT requesting that CPC-Accounts Payable changes the fund number to the appropriate deferred fund number. For **Billiken Buy purchase requisitions**, including speaker/event fees requiring a deposit, click Actions, Edit and enter the deferred fund number/account code (see below for fund numbers). You can use the Copy Down Account Code button to repeat the FOAPAL to each line below. If a portion of the charge is to be deferred, use the Split option to allocate amounts to the departmental and deferred FOAPAL's. Click SAVE. The document will pick up the approval queue for the deferred fund. Click on the Comments tab and then click Add Comments. Enter the original departmental FOAPAL. The FOAPAL information is needed so that the expense can be recorded via journal entry in the new fiscal year.

The following deferred charges fund numbers are used depending on the type of departmental fund:

Designated Funds: 200003-169000

(2XXXXX)

Note: To accommodate the Billiken Buy and Banner systems, change the fund number to 990912 (Deferred Charges-Designated) for purchase requisitions **where a portion of the charge is to be deferred**. Do not change the account code. If 100% if the charge is to be deferred, use 200003-169000.

SLUCare 808961-169000

(8XXXXX)

Note: To accommodate the Billiken Buy and Banner systems, change the fund number to 990918 (Deferred Charges-SLUCare) for purchase requisitions **where a portion of the charge is to be deferred**. Do not change the account code. If 100% if the charge is to be deferred, use 808961-169000.

Other Funds: 012250-169000

(1XXXXX, 4XXXXX, 9XXXXX)

Note: To accommodate the Billiken Buy and Banner systems, change the fund number to 990919 (Deferred Charges) for purchase requisitions **where a portion of the charge is to be deferred**. Do not change the account code. If 100% if the charge is to be deferred, use 012250-169000

2. Forward a copy of the document to Theresa Leisure (tleisure@slu.edu) with no back-up. The original departmental fund number must be legible or indicated in the document text. For Billiken Buy requisitions, click on the Comments tab before capturing the screen so that the original FOAPAL displays