

Current OCHE Operational Issues:

- Benefits move into 2500 Broadway Building. Consolidating will reduce the overall rent expense.
- Talent Search grant has been approved for the next 5 years. The funding decision will continue to be an every year decision at the federal level. It is possible that the funding may not be approved in the near term even though the grant has been approved. GEAR UP grant application has been submitted and we await action. It will be very competitive. Grant approval does not necessarily guarantee funding. Funding will also be an every year decision at the federal level.
- GSL will have submitted a Voluntary Flexible Agreement (VFA) proposal by August 2.
- As a result of legislation passed in the session, the MUS Workers Comp Committee has authorized a **13% decrease** in rates for FY12. Rates had remained relatively flat for FY08 – FY11.
- Significant time and energy devoted to negotiating labor contracts (Kevin & Jackie).
- Continued growth in legal issues.
- Continuing progress being made in the Transferability and Distance Learning arenas.
- AIMA (Brandi Foster) will begin August 15.
- OCHE research coordination efforts.
- All of these activities will continue within the confines of extremely tight budgets for at least the next two years.