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John Thelin asks probing questions and makes interesting observations in "[How to Bail Out Public Universities](#)", CHE (10/18/09):

"...Delta Project study shows that, in many states, an increasing percentage of state subsidies and tuition dollars have been directed into noninstructional costs. One reads about administrative plans to eliminate academic programs and cut faculty positions or to convert them from tenure-track to adjunct status. Yet how many state universities have reduced the number of vice presidents?"

Futhermore, administrators complain: "Large portions of our budget are restricted."

"That is true," Mr. Thelin observes, but "[i]t is also neither indelible nor insoluble. Presidents, business officers, and trustees have many administrative tools readily available to redistribute at their discretion allegedly confined funds."

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