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Enrollment forecasts mandate change

Regents’ budget based on new support formula

A new funding formula for Ohio’s state-assisted institutions in the 1981-83 biennium has been proposed to the state legislature by the Ohio Board of Regents if approved by the General Assembly, that formula will make funding for state schools less dependent upon fluctuating enrollment figures.

According to Richard Eakin, executive vice provost for planning and budgeting, the new formula was proposed in anticipation of predicted enrollment declines in the 1980s. It is an attempt by the regents to take action in advance of the decline and to make both the public and legislators more fully aware of the fixed costs of operating an institution, Dr. Eakin said.

Ohio has long been recognized as a leader in enrollment-driven funding, Dr. Eakin said, noting however, that most university officials believe such models are no longer an effective means of calculating the actual costs of higher education.

In recent years, he said, a special “buffer” has been built into the enrollment-based subsidy formula to protect schools which suffered serious and unpredictable declines. Bowling Green took advantage of the buffer in 1978-79 when full quarter-year enrollment was 530 students less than anticipated.

In place of the buffer, which has drawn serious criticism from some legislators, the regents have proposed an entirely new formula which takes into account fixed costs of operating a physical plant, library, selected student services, academic support services and instructional programs, even if actual numbers of students decrease. The formula is composed by calculating plant costs (13 percent of the subsidy total) is to be based on a cost per square foot basis with standard room types.

Dr. Eakin said the new formula recognizes the fact that buildings cannot be completely closed because enrollment is down for several quarters.

In the area of library acquisitions (three percent of the subsidy total), appropriations are to be based on a weighted program index. The new formula takes into consideration the fact that the number and kinds of programs offered by an institution determine how much money is solicited for books rather than the number of students. Dr. Eakin said.

Selected student services, including the registrar’s, admissions and financial aid offices are to be funded on a headcount basis rather than on the former full-time equivalent student count.

The reason for this change, Dr. Eakin explained, is that some universities, particularly those in urban areas which enroll a large number of part-time students, experience costs not directly related to FTEs when processing applications for financial aid and admission and handling the burdens of registration.

Should headcount enrollments decline: the selected student services areas will be given one year to make necessary cuts before subsidies (four percent of the total) are reduced. The same one-year variable lag has been applied to funding for academic support services (30 percent of the subsidy total) in case of an enrollment drop. In times of growth, funding in those areas is to remain dependent upon FTEs.

Allocations for direct instructional costs also will remain dependent upon FTEs for those universities which experience growth, but should numbers decrease, institutions will be given two years to make necessary cuts in the number of their course offerings.

Dr. Eakin explained that the new formula takes into consideration the fixed costs of operating single section courses (irreducible minimums) as well as variable costs associated with the number of multiple section classes offered.

He noted that if enrollments do decline, Bowling Green would not be forced to eliminate entire courses, but rather to reduce the number of multiple-section courses such as English 111, introductory biology and geography.

While a number of institutions, including Bowling Green, have some concerns about the new funding formula, Dr. Eakin said he perceives them as a general move toward a different direction.

He noted that an entire year was devoted to developing the formula, with input sought by the regents from representatives from all state colleges and universities. Dr. Eakin, President M. Lyle Ganske, dean of the College of Business Administration, represented Bowling Green on three committees formed to examine funding changes.

Representatives from the legislative budget office and the office of budget management also attended the sessions.

According to Dr. Eakin, the new formula, when tested against the 1979-80 year, suggests improved conditions for most colleges and universities in Ohio. At the same time, however, it calls for increased expenditures by the state, which this year was forced to institute a three percent across-the-board cutback in spending because of declining revenues.

Dr. Eakin noted, however, that the regents believe the new method of funding is good—good enough to convince the state legislature that much more is needed by institutions, and good enough to convince them to spend that money.

Ohio Regents adopt $1.9 billion budget

The Ohio Board of Regents has adopted a 1981-83 biennial budget of more than $1.9 billion, nearly as much more than the current biennium.

The budget is based upon recommendations which separates fixed and variable costs incurred by institutions and is no longer entirely dependent upon enrollment.

Chancellor Edward Q. Mouton has characterized the proposed budget as “sustaining,” with modest escalation to offset inflationary pressure and catch up for enrollment which is higher now than was originally budgeted for the current biennium.

The recommended budget of $205 million for fiscal year 1982 represents a 15 percent increase over the current year.

Following is a summary of some provisions of the budget recommended for the biennium to begin July 1, 1981.

-Students’ share of the cost of their education remains at about $3,000.

-Enrollment in remedial courses qualifies for state subsidy for the first time, but funding for developmental education is cut.

-Federal aid to all Ohio’s 13 institutions estimated to total $25.7 million, a 13 percent increase over current year.

-Almost $309 million in state appropriations are included in the budget, a 4.3 percent increase over the current year.

-Annual grants for faculty salaries are increased by 10 percent per year.

-Funding for innovative programs is increased by $5 million, but is not expected to fill the $20 million gap created by the reorganization of the Ohio Instructional Grants Program.

-Funding for research is increased by $5 million, including $2 million for the Ohio Medical Research Board.

-Regents said that while it was impossible to determine the final amount of funding for the Medical Research Program, they were assured that any reductions would be offset by greater federal support.

-There is $2 million more for state support for the current year for the office of Regents’ budget and management, which is planning Ohio’s 1981-83 budget.

The General Assembly is expected to review the governor’s proposed state budget in late January or February.
President, provost map course for coming year

Financial problems top the list of its which will plague the University in the coming year. Dr. Gordon, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said that although it may be several years before a goal of having 50 percent of the freshman class in the 26th- and above interval on the ACT score is attained.

Dr. Givers to update University's history

University historian Stuart R. Givers, history, has been commissioned to update the University's official history through 1985, which will celebrate the 75th year of its founding, President Moore has announced.

104 new faculty join ranks for 1980-81 year

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Grants

Susan Arpad, women's studies/popular culture, $5,000 from the Ohio Arts Council and Ohio University to study the folk culture of northwest Ohio. The 60-minute television programs will be produced.

Don Bright, Kenneth Green and Delbert Kastenschmidt, education, to conduct the Division of Vocational Education, Ohio Dept. of Education, to conduct a series of workshops, the areas of business and office education and distributive education.

Robert Early, also received $3,298 from the Ohio Arts Council to support publication of a new novel, "The Mid-American Review," an expansion of the current publication.

Brian D. Spjut, also received $1,100 from the Library of Congress to provide two additional librarians to circulate historical documents and to organize and catalog them.

Cynthia Stecker, Firelands, received an individual grant for the Firelands College library.

Roman Carac, Counseling and Career Development Center, $1,377 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to develop a graduate assistantship for a student intern. A grant in aid for limited enrollment in the Counseling and Career Development Center.

Alver W.Carlson, geography, $14,500 from the National Science Foundation to support publication of "The American Economic Geographies," a comprehensive library resource such as books, periodicals, and other materials.

Robert K. Clark, speech communication, $1,145 from the National Association of Broadcasters to develop an audience response to television advertisement of interest.

Sue Crawford, Center for Continuing Learning, $34,000 from the Ohio Board of Regents to establish an educational development center in four rural communities located within 30-40 miles of Bowling Green.

The center will provide interest and continuing education in the areas of counseling, career information and assistance in entering areas post-secondary education.

J. Christopher Dalton and Douglas C. Necker, chemistry, $25,980 from the National Science Foundation to purchase a spectrophotometer which will support the photochemistry and photo-physics research.

Publications receive Arts Council grants

The Ohio Arts Council has allocated more than $5,000 to support three publications of the University's creative writing program in Bowling Green.

The literary magazine "The Black Book," a year-round publication in creative, humorous, and satirical works published by the Popular Press since 1974, has received $3,400 for expansion of the magazine.

The Penny Dreadful, a literary magazine featuring the works of University writers begun in 1972, has received $1,060 in publication support.

The Black Book, another literary magazine, began publication in fall of 1972. It is published by the Popular Press to support publication of issues 7, 8 and 9. The Penny Dreadful, also begun in 1972 by Robert Pekan, who directs the creative writing program, has received an additional $3,000 for expansion of the magazine.

Two graduates of the University's Department of English, Mike Diamond and Rebecca A. Peters, also have received individual grants of $1,000, $1,500, and $2,000, respectively.

Mary Wolfe, director of the McFall Center Gallery, has received $3,000 to sponsor an art exhibition, "Images of Age," on campus.

research programs of Drs. Dalton and Necker.

Lawrence Dillon, business education, $29,857 from the Division of Vocational Education, Ohio Dept. of Education, to secure the services of a state vocational educator to provide special services in distributive education.

Robert Early, English, $3,298 from the Ohio Arts Council to support publication of a new novel, "The Mid-American Review," an expansion of the current publication.

The "Mid-American Review," a journal of poetry and fiction and criticism by distinguished writers from throughout the country, will be published annually and distributed nationwide. The first issue is expected to appear in late fall or early winter.


Participants in the faculty development program will upgrade their expertise in the areas of teaching the handicapped.

The college received a grant from the division of special education, Ohio Dept. of Education, to assist Green's teacher education program as it relates to the state's"mainstreaming" program.

An additional $2,000 has been received from the Ohio Board of Education for the state department's division of special education to create six instructional and counseling units, to test, place and communicate with Ohio's public schools that are "mainstreaming." The Division of Special Education, Ohio Dept. of Education, to undertake an in-depth analysis of the availability of special education and to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the state's special education programs.

Patricia Erickson, home economics, $3,000 from the Ohio Dept. of Education to conduct research related to the identification of their leisure-time activities of children and teenagers, the provision of new role models for the parents and the development of new state standards for teacher preparation.

Richard Frye, Uphold Round, $45,754 from the Toledo GSTA Consortium and the National Alliance of Business to continue the Uphold Round program at Bowling Green.

The objective of the program is to increase employees who are economically disadvantaged northeast Ohio youngsters.

Kenneth Green, business education, $60,531 from the Division of Vocational Education, Ohio Dept. of Education, to provide higher education for teachers in distributive education and to expand the program of the state training plan.

Dr. Green received $1,150 from the Ohio Department of Education to fund a workshop for distributive education teachers coordinators seeking to fulfill re- certification requirements and to upgrade their professional expertise.

He received $4,900 from the state department of education to fund a workshop for distributive education teachers and to enhance the medical technology program.

Garrett Heiserman, graduate dean, $30,000 from the Public Health Service, Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, to support biomedical research at Bowling Green.

Melvin Hyman, speech communication, $65,000 from the Office of Education.
New computer to save time, money

A new computer system installed at the University on Aug. 1 has enabled the department to become self-sufficient in its computer operations for the first time since 1972.

The new IBM System/370, Model 148, which is the heart of the Administration Building replaces 1964 vintage equipment in the new computer center in Administration Building from 1972 until July 1 of this year.

According to Dr. Thomas, the replacement of the old system has resulted in increased productivity and reduced costs for the University.

Legislative wrap-up

When the Ohio General Assembly reconvenes on Nov. 12, a number of tax and budget measures will be considered.

-Capital Appropriations: a supplementary capital bill, which has been delayed more than a year to allow a conference committee, will be considered after Nov. 12. Bowling Green originally sponsored this bill.

-HB 1003: the governor's proposal to upgrade the veto, of this bill, which will provide state control board approval of state agencies' applications for federal funds.

-SB 10: the governor has signed into law this bill which will provide indemnification and liability insurance for state employees.

-SB 356: this bill, allowing peace officers to pursue suspects beyond their jurisdictions and to make arrests within those jurisdictions, has passed the Senate. Its direct application to higher education is for officers of the University Police Department.

-SB 1230: The House Committee on Education and Health is reviewing this bill, which would make it a state-official school selling the campus where the intent is plagiarism. The "academic fraud" bill does not detract from a university's right to discipline students involved in such acts.

-SB 424: Still in committee, this bill would allow colleges and universities to file income tax returns for contributions to institutions of higher education.

-AB 136: This bill would require colleges and universities to disclose certain information on standardized tests, the SAT, administered in Ohio. The intent is to disclose scores, grades, and cultural biases in such tests and to analyze their validity. The bill in its present form was vetoed by administrated examinations for inclusion.

-AM. Sub. HB 585: The Rules Committee is deliberating this bill which would require colleges and universities to disclose the content and quality of state construction contracts and sub-contracts for bids by minority businesses only.

-AM. HB 115: Now in the Senate Ways and Means Committee, this bill, which has passed the House, would allow all state and county employees to use three days of personal leave each calendar year.

The current system, he said, is expected to save the University approximately $75,000 annually over the former arrangement. When all changes of the new computer system are made, the savings should be even more substantial.

He said, Dr. Thomas explained that the cost of computers, unlike that of cars, has decreased over the years. "What productivity has increased. New equipment, therefore, costs less than comparable equipment, and requires much less space to house.

In addition to cost savings and operating efficiency in its computer operations, the University can now expect to save the University an estimated $49,000 annually over the former arrangement.

According to Dr. Thomas, the single step in what will be a complete overhaul of the University's IBM equipment, Dr. Thomas added, adding that within the next three years Bowling Green should be able to acquire the most up-to-date computer hardware available.

According to Dr. Thomas, the replacement of the old computer system has resulted in increased productivity and reduced costs for the University.

Dr. Rabin is 'middleman' in new center

For most of the past 25 years, Ber­nard Rabin, educational foundations, and inquiry, has assisted his col­leagues in the creation of an informal system with im­proving their teaching techniques. Now that he is nearing retirement, Dr. Rabin will continue to pursue that same task, but as a "middleman." He is the first step in what will be a complete overhaul of the University's educational foundations.

"Peace officers to pursue suspects beyond their jurisdictions and to arrest within those jurisdictions, has been created to pursue the,various socio-economic problems that the University can afford," added he. He added that new computer equipment will eventually make it possible to increase the amount and types of work done on the computer.

That aspect of the system should enable computer services personnel to help students in the new Computer Center, Dr. Thomas.

Conference to focus on education in '80s

A grant of $3,120 from the Ohio Program in the Humanities will be used to sponsor a conference on "The College Graduate in the Eighties: Violations of Maturity" on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the First United Methodist Church.

The grant has been awarded to the Center for Educational Options, formerly University Division of General Education and the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Council of Humanities, and the Ohio College and University Fellowship, is the project director.

According to Beth Casey, director of the Center for Educational Options, the conference has been designed to elicit public debate on the subject of value and higher education.

Representatives from business, farm, community and professional groups have been invited to participate. University participants include Trevor Phillips, education foundation's and inquiry. Thomas Kin­ney, English, Paul Haas, economics, Bernard Sienkewicz, history. George Herman, speech communication, Richard Bashore, English, and Dr. Casey.

A panel discussion in the morning will include presentations by Drs. Steenbarger and Herman. Randy Graham, vice president of the Mid-American National Bank, and Clyde Sihom, president of the Master Chemical Corporation. Dr. Haas will moderate the discussion.

Also scheduled are presentations by David Adams in the improvisational Life Theater Group.

Faculty and students interested in attending should contact Dr. Casey as soon as possible for reservations.

Staff Update

Robert Perry, chair of the ethnic studies department, has been appointed acting director of the Student Development Program. Dr. Perry will continue to chair theethnic studies department in addition to his new responsibilities.

Other new appointments at the University include:

-Kenneth M. Rothrock, acting assist­ant dean and director of the Office of Degree Program Planning and Counseling, College of Arts and Sciences.

-James Barnes, audio-visual services and public relations representative, Center for Instructional Media.

-J. Arnaud Downs, theater costumer, School of Speech Communication; Brent Myers, apparatus technician, physical plant; Judy Rollie, director of registration, registrar's office.

-Jane Steinberg, assistant athletic trainer and lecturer in the School of Physical Education.

-Daniel B. Switchenko, assistant basketball coach and lecturer in the School of Physical Education.

-Sid Slink, head women's cross country coach; Larry Thompson, track coach.

-Lee M. Landry, TV pro­ducer/director, broadcasting.

Donations sought for library sale

The annual book and record sale, sponsored by the Friends of the University Library, will be held scheduled Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Donations of used books and records are now being accepted for the sale in the collection development department at the rear of the second floor of the University Library.