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Committee sets qualifications for academic affairs position

Feb. 21 has been set as the deadline for receipt of nominations and applications for the position of vice president for academic affairs and provost.

The search and screening committee for that position has developed with President Otschap a description of duties and qualifications for the post, as follows:

"The vice president and provost is the chief academic officer of the University and the chief budgeting officer. As chief academic officer, the vice president works with the deans of the various colleges to provide leadership in the coordination, supervision and advancement of the research and curricular activities of the faculty, in monitoring and approving tenure and promotion decisions, as well as faculty hiring, and in recommending various academic policy and financial changes to the president and the Board of Trustees. As chief budgeting officer, the vice president serves as chair of the budget committee of the University, which is composed of the other vice presidents. This committee recommends to the Board of Trustees what annual change in the academic budget shall be made."

Final reminder

Faculty and staff are reminded that the Christmas holidays which will be observed at the University on Dec. 23 and 24, will have no effect on the University's in-house pay period, as employees will be paid for the week ending Friday, Dec. 27, 4 p.m., which is the University's payroll cut-off time. The next payroll cut-off time will be 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12, 1984.

New interest rates for savings bonds

The Office of the University Treasurer has received notification from the U.S. Treasury Department that United States Savings Bonds will earn 11.09 percent interest during their first "market-based" interest period beginning during those months, when they are held at least five years. Under the new market-based system that went into effect Nov. 1, new bonds and those already outstanding receive 85 percent of the average return on the Treasury marketable securities when held five years or longer after Nov. 1, 1982. Each semi-annual savings bond rate is based on the Treasury five-year rate for the preceding six months.

Although the University is not currently involved in a bond campaign, faculty and staff are reminded that payroll deductions for bonds can be arranged by contacting the payroll office in the Administration Building.
The University's sixth president and two former faculty administrators were honored by the Board of Trustees at its Dec. 17 meeting.

Dr. William Jerome III, president of Bowling Green from 1963-1970, and Dr. James Saddlemire, dean emeritus of the College of Musical Arts, were recognized for their years of service when Universities. Saddlemire was named in their honor. Dr. Joseph K. Balogh, former dean of the College of Health and Community Services, was named as the Trustee Professor.

Jerome's name has been permanently affixed with the University Library, which will now be formally designated the William Jerome III University Library. Kennedy, a teacher and administrator for 42 years until his retirement in 1978, was honored following the Green Room, a faculty lounge and reception area in the Moore Musical Arts Center, named for him. The room will now be formally known as the James Paul Kennedy Green Room. Balogh, the first dean of the College of Health and Community Services and chair of the department of sociology from 1963-1973, retired in 1980. He joined the sociology department in 1949 and remains on the faculty as an emeritus professor. The Dean Emeritus award is accorded only to those persons who have served with distinction as a senior administrator and have then returned to the teaching ranks.

In other action, the board approved a change in the dependent fee waiver policy which provides fee waiver benefits for employees' children who do not qualify as dependents under IRS regulations but who nevertheless receive support from the employee/parent.

The board also elected Philip Mason, assistant to the president, as its secretary, succeeding Richard Edwards, vice president for University relations, who has held the secretary's post more than 10 years.

In a report to the board, President Olscamp announced tentative plans to proceed with computerization of the financial aid office for the fall of the coming year because the University currently is one to three months behind other state institutions in notifying students of aid they may receive. Olscamp noted that in a time when enrolling, dropping, and competition for students is more severe, "we need to be able to address financial aid more rapidly."

Commenting on enrollment problems, Olscamp noted that as of Dec. 1, 2,771 freshman applications and 181 transfer student applications had been received in the admissions office, representing a 24 and 30 percent decline, respectively, from corresponding application counts at the same time last year. Noting that Bowling Green's situation is not unlike that of other institutions in the state, he said, however, "if these lower application figures continue to hold in the months ahead, it will be essential for us to take steps to plan for a seriously lower enrollment, and therefore a lowered funding base, for the fall of 1983."

Estimated spring semester freshman enrollment was 744 less than the comparable winter quarter 1982 figures. Olscamp said, additionally, that fall semester enrollment was 745 below last year's fall term enrollment and that the enrollment trend from first academic term to the second academic term appears to be quite stable.

Noting the need to prepare for an enrollment decline based purely on demographics (there is a 5.5 percent decrease in the number of Ohio high school seniors this year), Olscamp said "it will be more important than ever for us to involve our alumni association and other similar organizations in the recruitment of qualified students. We are already pursuing this."

Olscamp said he will present the Faculty Senate's proposed financial exigency policy to board consideration in January, adding that he personally supports the plan and considers it "one of the better financial exigency policy statements when compared with others I have scouted since receiving the budget from you all."

He summarized for the board a shortfall which has occurred in the general fee budget resulting from both the $9 per semester reduction in the general fee approved by the faculty and a decline experienced this fall. He said the projected $110,000 shortfall will be handled this fall by an amount previously budgeted for depreciation reserves for bonded facilities supported by the general fee.

Olscamp also announced to the board that the Office of Academic Affairs has created a three-committee structure for the academic personnel committees. The structure includes a faculty search committee, an academic personnel subcommittee, and a faculty development committee and responsibility for these committees will be handled by the three committees.

Academic Council

A date for fall semester commencement in the 1983-84 academic year was set by Academic Council at its Dec. 1 meeting.

The calendar, as approved by council on May 5, 1982, did not specify a date for the December commencement, which has now been set for Thursday, Dec. 22, the day following the end of the final examination period. Examinations are scheduled to begin on Friday, Dec. 16, and continue on Dec. 17 and Dec. 19.

Council also approved a motion, tabled at the Nov. 17 meeting, which will allow the Office of Registration and Records to convert from quarter to semester hours, to "use its own good judgment in rounding credits to semester hours when appropriate."

Another motion, which will allow acceptance of the two, one-quarter hour courses by complying with the physical education requirement under the semester system was approved. The action was taken to allow some flexibility for continuing students who are converting their quarter system courses to the semester curriculum. Also approved, after considerable discussion, was an agreement under which will allow transfer students to transfer two one-quarter hour courses in HPER and meet compliance with the University's physical education requirement.

The motion applies to all present and future transfer students. A motion which would have limited the terms of the flexibility of HPER conversion to this academic year was defeated.

Dr. Melvin Hyman, speech communication, was honored by the Academic Council subcommittee on the role and functions of the council, discussed the subcommittee's report, noting that the group has concluded that council should become a committee of the Faculty Senate, adding to the committee membership but adding additional faculty member from the student colleges (a total of four additional faculty, one from the current colleges). This committee will then be able to meet more often, and therefore continue to deal with broad curricular and academic policy issues, as it now does.

Hyman said the subcommittee did not wish to tamper substantially with the Academic Council's present functions.