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Board of Trustees

In what President Olscamp termed "a truly historic meeting," the Board of Trustees on June 28 approved a record educational budget, a series of charter amendments that change faculty personnel procedures, a resolution in favor of debt restructuring, a new doctoral program and reconfiguration within the academic area.

The board approved an \$87.1 million main campus educational budget for 1985-86 which includes an eight percent increase in the salary pool for faculty and administrative staff and a six percent classified staff wage increase pool. This is the first time such an increase for classified staff has been authorized (see story, page 2).

The faculty/administrative staff increase is to be distributed 60 percent across-the-board and 40 percent on a merit basis. The method for distribution of the classified staff wage increase is to be determined by the administration in consultation with the Classified Staff Council.

The 1985-86 budget is 9.2 percent higher than the \$79.7 million 1984-85 revised budget and includes a state appropriation of \$47.7 million. The budget is based on the assumption that enrollment in 1985-86 will be the same, or slightly higher, than in 1984-85.

In addition to salary increases for faculty and staff, the 1985-86 budget includes an across-the-board increase in stipends for graduate assistants and teaching fellows and a 3 percent across-the-board increase in all vice presidential operating budgets. The vice presidents will allocate those funds according to their own priorities.

Select operating budgets also have received funds for building repair, specific approved projects and the purchase of major equipment. In total, the 1985-86 operating budget is \$21 million, compared to \$19.5 million in 1984-85.

In addition to state funds, the educational budget is based on estimated income of \$33.3 million from student

instructional fees which were raised 3.95 percent in May. One provision of the biennial budget enacted by the state legislature is that state colleges and universities hold any fee increases to below the four percent level during each of the next two years. Ohio residents who attend Bowling Green and live and eat on campus will pay \$3,892 this year.

Other University income of \$5.5 million is anticipated from miscellaneous sources, and there is a \$.5 million carryover from the 1984-85 budget.

The board also approved a \$3.2 million budget for the Firelands campus, up slightly from 1984-85 levels.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

In other action, the trustees approved a series of charter amendments relating to the non-renewal/termination of faculty contracts; overload compensation for faculty; faculty leaves/exchanges; the functions, elections and terms of officers of the Faculty Senate, and the general procedures of the Faculty Personnel and Conciliation Committee.

All amendments were approved this spring by the Faculty Senate.

DEBT RESTRUCTURING

The board also approved a resolution authorizing a financing and debt restructuring program, contingent on approval of the program by the office of the state attorney general.

The program would involve transferring eligible monies totaling about \$17 million from residence hall debt service reserves and renewal and replacement funds into an escrow account. The monies set aside in the escrow account would be invested in U.S. Treasury securities and would be sufficient at the time of the creation of the account to meet all future principal and interest payments on eligible outstanding residence hall bonds.

Excess interest earned on the funds in the escrow account could then be transferred to other budget areas and could, in less than 20 years, provide an additional \$3 million annually to the academic budget.

Burlingame appointed to vice presidency

Dwight F. Burlingame, acting vice president for University relations during the past year, has been named to the post on a permanent basis.

President Olscamp announced the appointment, effective July 1, at the June 28 meeting of the Board of Trustees, noting that Dr. Burlingame was selected following a national search and that he was the overwhelming choice of the search committee and others on campus who met all the candidates.

"I am pleased that he is now a permanent member of the Bowling Green administrative team," he said.

The president noted that Dr. Burlingame's "long experience at the University and his broad range of friends and acquaintances will surely help us as we move into the 75th anniversary fund campaign now being planned."

He added that under Dr. Burlingame's supervision the past year Bowling Green "has just completed the most successful fund-raising effort in its history. In addition, alumni activities have been broadened and strengthened and the public relations functions of the University have been expanded."

Dr. Burlingame, who joined the Bowling Green staff in 1978 as dean of libraries

and learning resources, will be responsible for alumni relations, development, public relations, WBGU-TV and student publications.

Saddlemire named to education post

Gerald Saddlemire, chair of the department of college student personnel since its creation in 1969, has been named interim dean of the College of Education.

In announcing the appointment, Eloise Clark, vice president for academic affairs, said Dr. Saddlemire will begin to work immediately with Sandra Packard, dean of the college, to ensure a smooth transition when she departs in early August. Dr. Packard has been named provost at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

"Dr. Saddlemire brings to this post a distinguished professional record and a thorough knowledge of the College of Education and its programs," Dr. Clark said. "I am pleased that he has accepted this assignment."

A search for a permanent dean of the College of Education is expected to begin with the creation of a Search and Selection Committee this week.

RECONFIGURATION

The board also approved six changes in academic configuration, including the creation of a School of Mass Communication in the College of Arts and Sciences, consisting of a department of journalism and a department of radio-TV-film; establishing departments of theater and interpersonal and public communication in the College of Arts and Sciences; transferring the communication disorders program from the College of Arts and Sciences to departmental status in the College of Health and Community Services; changing the name of the College of Health and Community Services to the College of Health and Human Services and establishing departments of social work and medical technology within that college, and changing the name of the School of Technology to the College of Technology.

All changes were previously endorsed by Undergraduate Council, the Committee on Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate.

NEW PH.D PROGRAM

In other business, the trustees authorized the creation of a new doctoral program in applied philosophy, contingent on approval by the Ohio Board of Regents.

The new doctoral program would expand upon the existing master's level program in applied philosophy. That program relates the discipline of philosophy to such areas as medicine, law, business, human services and government.

The board also:

- approved a capital improvements request to the Ohio Board of Regents for 1987-1992, including construction of a new computer building, construction of a second-feed steam line and construction of a biotechnology building, for a total estimated cost of \$122 million;

- approved a schedule of materials and special program charges for 1985-86;

- approved a resolution commending the contributions to the board of former trustee Albert Dyckes whose term expired in May;

- approved a schedule of board meetings and committee assignments for 1985-86. Members of the Personnel/Facilities Committee will be Robert C. Ludwig, chair; Richard A. Newlove, Virginia Platt and William Spengler (ex-officio). Members of the Finance Committee, to be chaired by J. Warren Hall, will be Nick J. Mileti, Melvin L. Murray, Ann Russell and M. Shad Hanna (ex-officio);

- adopted Phase II of the University's response to the Advisory Commission on Articulation between Secondary Education and Ohio Colleges. The Phase II policy statement recommends that high school students recommend to enroll at Bowling Green complete three units of high school science; three units of social science; two units of the same foreign language and one unit of the visual or performing arts;

- accepted grants and contracts for the month of May totaling \$597,198, bringing the fiscal year-to-date total of all grants and contracts received to \$10.2 million.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled on Friday, Aug. 23, when approval of the salary book will be on the agenda. Faculty and administrative staff salary increases will be approved at that time to ensure that the increases are reflected in the Sept. 20 paycheck.

The President's Report. . .

President Olscamp praised the state's 1985-86 budget for higher education, calling it "reasonable and supportive" and "one which we can and do endorse" during his remarks to the Board of Trustees at its June 28 meeting.

Commenting on the budget, Dr. Olscamp said it will "reduce the student share of the cost (of higher education) from 41 percent to 38 percent during the 1985-86 year and to 36 percent in 1986-87 and it will limit possible tuition increases to a maximum of four percent annually."

The president said the favorable budget combines with an optimistic enrollment projection at Bowling Green.

Approximately the same number of undergraduate students is expected on campus this fall as was enrolled a year ago. The number of applications to the Graduate College is up five percent from a year ago.

Dr. Olscamp also reported that as of June 13, the housing office had achieved its quota of new students seeking housing for fall. A total of 3,087 freshmen has contracted for housing, 411 more than last year.

Employment Opportunities

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

* Indicates that an internal candidate from the department is bidding and being considered for the position.

NEW VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date for Employees to Apply: 5 p.m. Monday, July 15, 1985

- 7-15-1 Clerk 1
Pay Range 2
Program Advisement/School of Technology
Temporary part-time to May 16, 1986
- 7-15-2 Custodial Worker
Pay Range 2
Plant Operations and Maintenance
- 7-15-3 Programmer Analyst 1
Pay Range 28
Computer Services
- 7-15-4 Secretary 1
Pay Range 26
Environmental Services

CONTINUING VACANCIES

Posting Expiration Date for Employees to Apply: 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1985

- 7-9-1 Cashier 1
thru Pay Range 3
- 7-9-6 University Food Operations
Six nine-month, part-time positions
- 7-9-7 Typist 2
Pay Range 4
Academic Affairs

Faculty/Staff Positions

The following faculty positions are available:

Accounting and MIS: Chair. Contact Office of the Dean, College of Business Administration (2-2747). Deadline: March 1, 1986. Also, assistant/associate professor (two positions). Contact Park Leathers (2-2767). Deadlines: July 15 and July 29, 1985

Health and Human Services: Acting associate dean. Contact Clyde Willis (2-0242). Deadline: July 15, 1985

History: Visiting assistant professor. Contact chair, department of history (2-2030). Deadline: July 15, 1985

Library: Coordinator of library user education. Contact chair, information services (2-2362). Deadline: Aug. 1, 1985

Sociology: Instructor/assistant professor (two positions). Contact recruitment chair, department of sociology (2-2294). Deadlines: Aug. 10, 1985

Technology: Associate or full professor. Contact Rod Colgan (2-2436). Deadline: Nov. 8, 1985. Also, assistant/associate professor (construction technology). Contact Colgan. Deadline: July 26, 1985

The following administrative staff positions are available:

Ice Arena: Assistant manager. Contact Greg Jordan (2-2264). Deadline: July 19, 1985

Residential Services: Assistant director of on-campus housing. Contact Fayette M. Paulsen (2-2456). Deadline: July 26, 1985

NCAA NATIONAL MEETING

The president reported that at its annual meeting June 21, the NCAA toughened penalties for academic and recruiting violations, approving legislation that would require colleges and universities to suspend sports programs for as long as two years if two major infractions occur in any five-year period.

In January 1986 the NCAA convention will draft new rules relating to freshman eligibility, academics and commercialism, he said.

STUDENTS HONORED

Dr. Olscamp announced that two Bowling Green students have been selected to participate in a six-week summer internship with the state's Cabinet officers through a new Governor's Honors Program for College Students. The program is designed to provide opportunities for outstanding college students to explore and prepare for careers in public service.

Karen Righter, a senior history major and participant in the University Honors Program, and Judy Guagenti, a nursing major, were awarded summer internships.

FACULTY HONORED

Two faculty also have received prestigious honors, the president reported.

Philip O'Connor, English/creative writing, has been invited to serve as a member of the Pulitzer Prize Nominating Jury for Fiction for 1986.

Orlando Behling, management, has been elected a fellow in the Academy of Management.

LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

Dr. Olscamp reported that a proposed amendment to the Ohio Revised Code which would permit boards of trustees to purchase a policy or policies of insurance on behalf of trustees, officers and employees has been introduced to the legislature. The insurance would provide coverage for defense costs and liability arising from the action of any trustee, officer or employee in the performance of respective duties.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

Reporting on the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program hosted by the University in June for the eighth consecutive year, Dr. Olscamp announced that the Boys State Board of Trustees has refurbished the bronze plaque in Memorial Hall which lists those people for whom the building was named.

The plaque was rededicated in recognition of the University's 75th anniversary. A bench and planter area have been added around the plaque.

Heberlein accepts Wayne State position

Garrett T. Heberlein, dean of the Graduate College and vice provost for research since 1980, has been named vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Dr. Heberlein will leave his Bowling Green post in early August.

University to grant classified wage hike

With passage of Sub. H.B. 309 in the state legislature on June 19 and the signing of the bill by Gov. Celeste on Wednesday, July 3, the University's Board of Trustees has received authorization to grant pay increases to classified staff without prior approval of the state legislature.

The trustees took steps to take advantage of that new legislation at their June 28 meeting when they adopted a 1985-86 educational budget which includes a 6 percent salary pool increase for the University's 1,020 classified employees.

The exact method for distributing the increase has not yet been determined. Both Richard Eakin, vice president for planning and budgeting, and Karl Vogt, vice president for operations, said the money will be distributed in a manner to be determined by the administration in close consultation with the Classified Staff Council.

Dr. Eakin said he expects prompt action on a decision to distribute the funds, adding that the effective date for implementation of the wage increase will be determined after a method of distribution is agreed upon.

Dr. Eakin said the new legislation paves the way for the University to begin a thorough review and revision of the classified staff wage scale to eliminate existing inequities, particularly for employees who are no longer eligible for "step increases" and are receiving only longevity pay. Review of the wage scale is expected to begin soon.

The manner in which this year's wage increase pool is distributed probably will not solve all problems with the current pay scale, he said, adding that he and Dr. Vogt are optimistic that by next year there will be a new, more equitable way of paying and rewarding classified employees.

Sub. H.B. 309 was proposed by Ohio's Inter-University Council, chaired by President Olscamp who lobbied extensively for passage of the bill. The legislation was introduced by Reps. Robert Brown (R-83) and Clifford Skeen (D-43) and permits boards of trustees at all state-assisted colleges and universities to establish compensation plans for classified service employees.

Dr. Olscamp has called the bill "a fair and equitable addition to guidelines for management of personnel at state colleges and universities."

Salary increases for the state's classified staff have previously required action by both houses of the state legislature. The groundwork for Sub. H.B. 309 was laid last spring when the legislature approved Senate Bill 133 which legalizes collective bargaining for classified employees, including those at colleges and universities.

Datebook

Monday, July 8

"The Stationmaster's Wife," German film with English subtitles, 7:30 p.m., Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall. Free.

Thursday, July 11

Summer Session Chorus free concert, 11:30 a.m., Choral Room, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Administrative Staff Council meeting, 1:30 p.m., Taft Room, University Union. The sole agenda item is an update from the University Insurance Committee to be presented by Suzanne Crawford, affirmative action.

Friday, July 12

"The Sound of Music," campus/community theater production, 8 p.m., July 12-13, July 15-16, Koberger Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are priced at \$5, \$7 and \$9 for adults and \$3, \$5 and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Reservations can be made by calling 372-0171 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.