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Bowling Green State University
Instructional fees raised nearly six percent

Trustees approve pay increases for staff

Salary increases for faculty and staff were approved at the June 30 Board of Trustees meeting. Faculty and administrative staff will receive a 4.2 percent across-the-board pay hike, while classified staff will receive a four percent across-the-board increase. Additional increases for faculty and administrative staff will come from a 2.8 percent merit pool. Classified staff also will receive an additional 1.5 percent for step and longevity raises and another $240,000 will be distributed for market adjustments to increase some below-market wages.

The trustees also approved a five percent pool for increases in graduate student stipends/fellowships for next year, and continuing graduate students will receive additional automatic annual step increases of at least four percent. Following an executive session, the trustees announced a seven percent increase in salary for President Olscamp, bringing his annual income to $124,306. A salary pool of $30,501 was established to supplement vice presidential salary increases.

Also during the meeting, the trustees agreed to fee increases that will bring the cost of an undergraduate Ohio resident student's education to $4,988 a year, beginning next fall. That includes a near-six percent raise in the instructional fee, a 9.5 percent boost in the general fee for recreational activities, and room-and-board increases which the trustees approved in February.

Overall, the total tops last year's by $298, or 6.35 percent. The University's instructional budget of more than $114 million represents an 8.5 percent increase. In his report, President Olscamp said this state support is a marked improvement from the 0.49 percent and 2.45 percent subsidy increases the University received in the previous two years. Bowing Green's subsidy increase this year is expected to be around 11.5 percent; much of it the result of increasing the University's enrollment ceiling to 16,000 full-time equivalent students.

The undergraduate instructional fee increased $122, to $2,162, while general fees were increased $42 a year, to $482. Ohio's new budget law requires state universities to limit tuition increases to six percent for the next two years.

Trustee Virginia Platt abstained from voting on the revised educational budget and the instructional fees saying she did not have time to sufficiently review revisions. She was the only trustee to oppose the faculty/staff salary increases, saying she disagreed with the methods used in making market adjustments.

In other business:

- The trustees approved the allocation of an additional $300,000 for the construction of the College Park Office Building. The funding was required to meet the materials standards specifications for the facility.
- Approval was given for a three-year extension of the trial period for granting full-year Faculty Improvement Leaves at a 70 percent salary level. Salaries previously were funded at 50 percent.
- The board endorsed the proposed state-funded capital plan for fiscal years 1991-1996, which makes a classroom building the University's top capital priority for fiscal years 1991-92. Other proposed projects include rehabilitation of Eppler North and South, supplemental renovation appropriation and rehabilitation of the physical plant.
- Three retired faculty members were granted emeritus status: Dr. Joseph Krauter, political science; Dr. William Rock, history; and Beatrice Briggs, libraries and learning resources.
- Appointments and reappointments to the Public Advisory Council for Television (PACT), WBGU-TV, were approved. New appointees are Barbara Doane Lacik and William J. Schedel Jr., both of Findlay.
- Judith Mittelmann Weiss was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Frank McKenna Jr., political science, who was removed from the board.

John Laskey is named trustee

John A. Laskey, chairman and president of the Port Lawrence Title and Trust Company, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees by Governor Richard Celeste.

He succeeds Melvin L. Murray and his nine-year term expires May 16, 1989. Laskey is an owner of GulfAtlantic Title Insurance Groups, with offices in Orlando, Palm Beach and Tampa, Florida. He recently sold Port Lawrence, Ohio's oldest and largest title insurance underwriter, to First American Title Insurance Company of Santa Ana, CA.

Laskey attended the University of Notre Dame and has been actively involved in regional economic development matters for the past 10 years. He has served as a trustee of the Mid-American Council on Economic Development and the Toledo Scape, a leadership development organization.

In addition, he is a member of the Toledo Rotary, the Toledo Club, the Catawba Island Club, and is presently a sponsor in the BGSU Entrepreneur Program.

He has published the book Toledo Toward 2000 which examines economic, technological and societal forces transforming the regional economy. He also has published Inside America's Waterfront, an economic development guide of the regional economy.

Dr. M. Neil Browne, economics, made it a clean sweep of Bowling Green's 1989 top teaching honors when the Board of Trustees announced June 30 that he is the University's first Distinguished Teaching Professor.

The award was created to recognize outstanding performance in the classroom. It is the second major University honor Browne has won this year. In April, he received the Alumni Association's Master Teacher Award.

Browne, who has taught at Bowling Green since 1968, called it a "tribute" that he won both major awards in the same year, but added that he was delighted nonetheless.

Two awards come from the university and one from the Ohio Board of Regents. Both recognitions pay tribute to what is otherwise "a very quiet activity that requires a considerable amount of time."

In his comments to the board, Browne said one of the reasons he chose teaching as a career was because some of the most influential people in his life had been former teachers. "I wanted to be able to give some of that back," he said.

"The two awards are especially meaningful to Browne because they come from different constituencies. Students
Opportunities
Faculty/staff positions

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Watch your speed
The public safety department is reminding faculty and staff who operate motor vehicles that speed limits on and adjacent to campus streets will be enforced through radar detection.

New staff added
Eight new employees joined the administrative staff last month. They are Gary Swegam, assistant director, admissions; Candice Moser, assistant director, financial aid and student employment; Jeffrey Gillilland, research technician, biological sciences; and Deepika Karla, assistant director, general studies writing, English.

Location changes
Due to the fall freshman pre-registration program, the photo I.D. office temporarily will be located in the forum at the M. E. Business Building from Tuesday (July 11) until Aug. 4.

For sale
Food Operations has for sale a bi-directional tractor feed for a Toshiba P-351 printer for $85.

Bettcher appointed
Larry Bettcher has been elected president of the Firelands College Advisory Board. He was appointed to the board in 1985 and succeeds Franklin D. Hall."