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Trustees set budget, tuition and raises

The BGSU Board of Trustees closed out the fiscal year at its June 25 meeting with action on numerous budget and academic issues.

The board adopted a balanced budget for fiscal year 2011 aimed at addressing key BGSU priorities. Approved were educational and general budgets of \$283,652,614 for the Bowling Green campus and \$15,024,342 for the BGSU Firelands campus.

The approved budget provides funding for salary increases and additional course sections that may be necessitated by additional fall enrollments.

The trustees approved a 3.5 percent increase in undergraduate in-state tuition and general fees for both the Bowling Green and BGSU Firelands campuses. For main campus students, this means an additional \$164 a semester; Firelands students will pay \$77 more.

General fees will also increase by 3.5 percent for out-of-state undergraduates, in- and out-of-state graduate students, and the teacher cohort programs.

The cost in tuition and fees for a full-time, in-state undergraduate this fall will be \$4,852 per semester, or \$9,704 per year. At Firelands, the sum is \$2,256 per semester, or \$4,512 per year plus registration fees.

The state did not allow tuition increases in fiscal years 2008 and 2009. Ohio's biennial budget allows tuition and fee increases of up to 3.5 percent for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. BGSU did not raise general fees last fall (2009) but did this spring.

The 3.5 percent increases are expected to generate about \$2.5 million in revenue, with another boost coming from the expected additional enrollment of nearly 600 students. This will help offset the decrease in of \$8.5 million (9.5 percent) in State Share of Instruction BGSU will receive in fiscal year 2011.

Other approved budgets include general fee and related auxiliary budgets with total expenditures of \$31,883,543; miscellaneous auxiliary budgets with total expenditures of \$12,718,903; residence hall budgets with total expenditures of \$28,955,640, and the dining hall budget with total expenditures of \$20,338,910.

Faculty and staff salaries

The board approved salary pools of 1 percent for staff raises and 2.5 percent for faculty raises. No across-the-board raises were approved; individual increases will be based on merit. Another pool of funds was also approved for faculty salary market adjustments, tenure and promotion, stipend increases and associated benefits.

The salary budget represents \$2.36 million in increases. An additional \$481,000 was approved for faculty to teach for the extra course sections required by the growth in enrollment.

It has not been decided yet how the pool for individual faculty merit increases and market adjustments will be meted out. The administration will be seeking input from advisory groups.

Residence hall changes

The boost in enrollment has necessitated other changes. For the first time in several years, BGSU will utilize triple and quad residence hall rooms to accommodate the expected student population. The board approved rates for those accommodations in specific buildings. Since room and board rates were approved in February, there has been a significant increase in paid room deposits, indicating a larger incoming group requiring beds for fall 2011.

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In other action, the board voted to:

- Approve an Academic Charter change eliminating the three-year waiting period and allowing faculty and their dependents to use the fee waiver immediately upon employment. The same change was approved for staff in May.
- Approve the appointment of Dr. Brad Colwell as dean of the College of Education and Human Development and a full professor with tenure in the School of Leadership and Policy Studies, and of Kay Flowers as dean of University Libraries and a full professor with tenure.
- Ratify the appointment of Thomas Hiles as vice president for University advancement and CEO of the BGSU Foundation Inc.
- Approve changing the name of the medical technology degree to medical laboratory science.
- Approved two new degrees. The first is an associate degree in diagnostic medical sonography, to be offered at BGSU Firelands. The program complements Firelands' growing array of allied health care programs and allows BGSU to help meet regional medical needs. The second is a bachelor of science in fire administration, designed as an online, degree-completion program for preparing upper-level administrators in public and private-sector fire and emergency management services.
- Elect retired Col. John Moore Jr., as chair.

Master Plan approved, Commons coming down

Imagine a campus in which the physical space complements and enhances the learning environment both in and out of the classroom, where the synergy between academic and student life is heightened, and where visitors and prospective students find attractive campus gateways.

That is the goal of the new campus Master Plan ratified by the board of trustees June 25.

The 15-year plan begins with a detailed, seven-year Phase 1 implementation plan. This includes addressing the campus core, from Wooster Street to Merry Avenue and from Thurstin Street to Mercer Road. It also calls for building on the core "active spine" between "traditions buildings" (Moseley, University, Hanna and South Hall), the Mathematical Sciences Building and Jerome Library, and engaging the northwest corner of campus, including north of Ridge Street, into the core campus experience.

The traditions buildings will be substantially modernized, with an introductory science teaching space added to Moseley. Learning spaces from some of the buildings now in poor condition will be consolidated into the traditions buildings, Eppler Center and Olscamp Hall along with the current business college building, which will be renovated.

A new College of Business Administration building will be developed.

The College of Education and Human Development will be moved into the modernized traditions buildings and/or the business college building after its renovation.

The College of Health and Human Services Building will be renovated.

And new gateways to campus will be created, with a formalized entrance at Wooster Street and North College Drive.

The plan has been under development for some time. It builds upon previous work by the Office of Capital Planning, Design and Construction, campus constituents, input from key campus leaders, BGSU's financial capabilities, the Strategic Plan and enrollment projections.

Commons to be demolished

The trustees also gave the nod to Commons Dining Hall being demolished this summer to make way for a new dining facility. The Office of Design and Construction, Chartwells dining services (which manages campus dining services) and an outside consultant all evaluated Commons and determined that the cost of renovating it would exceed its value.

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The new dining hall will serve students in Kohl Hall and eventually those in the new South-central Residence hall now under construction. Because the replacement facility will be needed soon, the tearing down of Commons is slated to begin quickly.

The project also entails relocating several offices. The campus safety and traffic departments will move to the Thurstin Center (the former United Christian Fellowship building) on Thurstin Street, which will require some ADA and power upgrades and other renovations.

Some utility lines and other equipment will also need to be moved, and the Kohl Hall kitchen will have to be upgraded to be able to temporarily meet residents' needs while the new dining facility is being built.

Trustees welcome three new members

The BGSU Board of Trustees held its final meeting of the fiscal year on June 25 with three new members in attendance, appointed by Governor Ted Strickland.

Bowling Green attorney Megan Newlove will fill the remaining eight years of the term of former trustee Kevin B. Lake, who recently stepped down from the board. Newlove's term will expire in May 2018. A Bowling Green native, she has been a three-time member of the Bowling Green City Council, completing her last two-year term at the end of 2009. She was president of the council the last two terms.

Newlove received a law degree from the University of Toledo in 1995 and a bachelor's degree in business from Miami University in 1992. A member of the Wood County, Ohio and Michigan bar associations, she is the owner of a title company and specializes in real estate, business and adoption law. She is a member of the BGSU Falcon Club, which supports University athletics. She and her husband, Lloyd Triggs, and their two sons live in Bowling Green. In becoming a trustee, Newlove carries on a family tradition: her father, Richard, was on the board from 1983-92.

Stephen Daley, a Columbus financial advisor and third-generation BGSU alumnus, replaces John Harbal of Toledo, whose term ended in May. Daley received a bachelor's degree in business education from BGSU in 1988. Currently employed by Ameriprise Financial Services Inc., he has worked in the financial services industry since 1993, including service with Smith Barney and Edward Jones & Co. He covered the central Ohio region as an assistant vice president, investment and trust officer, for Bowling Green-based Mid Am Bank (now Huntington Bank). Daley has also taught finance at Columbus State Community College as an adjunct professor.

He is a board member for the Legacy Fund of the Columbus Foundation and a member of the Society of Financial Service Professionals. He also serves on the board of the Shirley J. Daley Community Fund, endowed in memory of his mother, Shirley (Figgins) Daley '48. Before his appointment to the BGSU Board of Trustees, he was a member of the BGSU Student Affairs Advocates Board and was the Bowling Green Chapter advisor and chair of the Alumni Advisory Board for Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Daley's term on the BGSU Board of Trustees expires in 2019.

Graduate Student Trustee Abby Priehs is a doctoral student in higher education administration. She received a bachelor's degree in secondary English education from Michigan State University and a master's degree from the University of Vermont in higher education and student affairs administration. Priehs worked in residence life at universities in California and Wisconsin before coming to Bowling Green State University. She is an experienced advisor and mentor to undergraduate students and governmental bodies and is the co-advisor to the BGSU Aspiring Student Affairs Professionals organization. Her research interests include student success, social justice and advocacy. She resides in Toledo, Ohio, with her husband, Mike. Her term will expire in 2012.



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Huron Playhouse opens with 'The Melody Lingers On'

The Huron Playhouse will celebrate the genius of the composer of such "national treasures" as "God Bless America," "Blue Skies," "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "White Christmas" in its season opener "The Melody Lingers On: The Songs of Irving Berlin."

The show will run at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday (June 29 through July 3), at the playhouse located in the McCormick Middle School on Ohio Street, in Huron.

Tickets are \$14 for students and senior citizens, \$16 for other adults, \$11 for children under 12, and \$13 for groups of 15 or more. Season passes are \$65. For reservations, call 419-433-4744.

IN BRIEF

Pedestrian access limited around Ridge construction

The safety of pedestrians has become a serious concern in relation to the Ridge Street widening project, according to Project Architect Marc Brunner.

Because of the presence of heavy equipment and uneven walking and biking surfaces, passage through these areas has become hazardous.

In response, the Office of Design and Construction has decided to cordon off the major work area around the Ridge Street project. The area affected extends from Hayes to Kreischer halls along Ridge Street and from south of Merry Avenue to north of the Jerome Library.

Beginning this week, fencing will be erected in some areas, and signs will advise pedestrians of detour routes around the site to their destinations.

Access to the Health Center will be maintained from Lot 1, Brunner noted. The Ridge project is projected to be completed by Aug. 15.

To view a map of the restricted area and suggested walking routes, click on Pedestrian Detour Map at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/page37873.html>. This site also contains the latest information on other construction activity and road closures.

Construction maps are also online at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/cap-plan/>

Note: A convenient parking alternative for those on the west-central side of the campus is Lot R, on East Merry Avenue between Oak Grove Cemetery and the College of Technology.

Please remember to plan your walking routes and parking in advance to avoid delays.

In addition to the Ridge Street widening, other campus construction projects also present hazards for pedestrians, particularly unauthorized persons on work sites. These persons will be considered trespassing and could be fined, Brunner warned. All pedestrians are reminded to stay alert and follow directions on warning signs.

Accommodation for deliveries will need to be arranged by the department receiving the delivery. Also, the Office of Parking Services will help arrange parking for visiting groups. Handicap spaces are available in Lot G.

While the no-pedestrian zone will be disruptive, the safety of the University community and its visitors is of greater importance. It will take some patience and good humor to get through the summer tranquilly, but the payoff will be a much more walkable and drivable campus with beautified landscaping.



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CALENDAR

Monday, June 28

Second Six-Week Summer Session Begins.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Pragmatic Practices for Teaching Assistants," 11 a.m.-noon, 201 University Hall. Register online at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

Tuesday, June 29

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "CLA in the Classroom: Developing Critical Thinking and Analytical Writing Skill Using Performance Tasks," 9-10 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page69735.html.

Summer Colloquia, with Guido Pincione, philosophy faculty member, University of Arizona, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Seating is limited; contact Ben Dyer at bdyer@bgsu.edu for reservations and location information. Hosted by the Social Philosophy and Policy Center.

Wednesday, June 30

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Integrating Your Courses with BGSU Learning Outcomes & Core Values," 9-10 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register online at http://www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page74987.html. Centennial Photograph, 1:30 p.m., University Hall lawn. Preregistration was required for participation in photo.

Monday, July 5

Independence Day Observed, Classes canceled, offices closed.

Continuing Events June 29-July 3

Summer Theater, "The Melody Lingers On," 8 p.m. nightly, Huron Playhouse, McCormick School, Ohio Street, Huron. Tickets are \$14 for students and senior citizens, \$16 for other adults, \$11 for children under 12, and \$13 for groups of 15 or more. Season passes are \$65. For reservations, call 419-433-4744.

JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

No jobs were posted this week.

Labor Postings

http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR website at http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet.

This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

On-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

Off-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html



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OBITUARY

Col. Wesley Hoffman, 88, died June 23 in Bowling Green. He was the commander of the University ROTC and a professor of aerospace studies from 1965-69, and taught geography from 1971-75 before beginning a public service career with the city of Bowling Green.

Memorials may be given to the Wesley K. Hoffman Endowed Scholarship in the College of Technology through the BGSU Foundation Inc.