Battle over federal budget could result in smaller state appropriations for universities

WMU and the state's 14 other public universities could find that planned increases in state appropriations for higher education may not be as large as expected because of ongoing federal budget disputes. That was the message from state legislators during hearings May 8 in Lansing, before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, chaired by Rep. Donald Gilmer.

"We always can hope for the best," Gilmer told President Haenicke and Curtis J. Tompkins, president of Michigan Technological University, who appeared at the hearing together. "But in the worst case scenario, I believe that higher education would be on the table for smaller increases."

The governor has proposed that WMU receive a 4 percent increase in state appropriations, an increase of $4,150. WMU's 1995-96 per-student state funding is $4,827. The increase for higher education as a whole in the governor's recommendation is 5 percent. 

Haenicke told lawmakers that he, like other public university presidents, was "very grateful" for the proposed increase for higher education this year and expressed concern that appropriations might not remain at recommended levels. "We are all alarmed by the news that appropriations might not stand at the point they are right now," he said. "But we believe the initial attempt to provide a 5 percent increase for higher education is a welcome news, and we are very grateful for that."

The House added $24 million to the governor's $8.6 million request for universities, bringing the total funding level to $10.6 million. The Senate addition brings WMU's increase to 4.8 percent. Some of the state's 15 public universities are recommended for larger increases to bring their per-student appropriation to a minimum level or floor of $4,150. WMU's 1995-96 per-student state funding is $4,827. The increase for higher education as a whole in the governor's recommendation is 5 percent. 

One of the state's 15 public universities, WMU, was invited to appear before the subcommittee with Michigan's only other public university president, was "very grateful" for the proposed increase for higher education this year and expressed concern that appropriations might not remain at recommended levels. "We are all alarmed by the news that appropriations might not stand at the point they are right now," he said. "But we believe the initial attempt to provide a 5 percent increase for higher education is a welcome news, and we are very grateful for that."

Haenicke said he also appreciated that WMU was invited to appear before the subcommittee with Michigan's only other public university, Michigan Technological University. The governor has proposed that WMU receive a 4 percent increase in state appropriations, an increase of $4,150. WMU's 1995-96 per-student state funding is $4,827. The increase for higher education as a whole in the governor's recommendation is 5 percent. 

"We are ecstatic and very, very proud of the accomplishments of our team and the faculty and students," Dunlap says. "The faculty and students are really thrilled to see this happening."

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Sky Broncos place second in national competition

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Faculty Senate approves proposals to help streamline the curriculum review process

The curriculum review process will be more streamlined as a result of changes approved May 2 by the Faculty Senate. The changes, which involve both personnel changes and program changes, will follow a more efficient flow for publication in the next week's edition. The deadline for proposals to be submitted for major changes is no later than Dec. 15. Faculty members should call 7-8777 to arrange for more time before the end of the semester.

In addition, the executive board of the senate will review proposals for major changes on a weekly basis. The board will meet every Friday at 5 p.m. and will include the taking of class photographs. The deadline for proposals will be 6 p.m. Saturday. A total of 264 were chosen on the basis of academic merit to receive 1996-97 scholarships, which cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to a maximum of $7,000.

The Goldwater Scholarship is the premier undergraduate award of its kind in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. The endowed recognition program was established by Congress in 1986 to pay undergraduate award of its type in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. The endowed recognition program was established by Congress in 1986 to pay undergraduate award of its type in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. The endowed recognition program was established by Congress in 1986 to pay undergraduate award of its type in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. The endowed recognition program was established by Congress in 1986 to pay undergraduate award of its type in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering.

Marc A. Humphrey, a WMU senior from Kalamazoo, has been selected as the institution's first recipient of a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

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Humphrey, a 1993 graduate of Kalamazoo Central High School, received a $25,000 Goldschmidt Scholarship to come to WMU. A member of the Lee Honors College, he is majoring in both mathematics and physics and maintains a 3.98 grade point average.

During the summer after his freshman year, he began working with Nora Berrah, physics, on research projects in the area of atomic physics. Specifically, he has assisted her in the study of high resolution photoelectron spectroscopy. He has received the Russell Seibert Travel Award and the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award from the Lee Honors College to support his work.

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Last August, Humphrey spent 10 days at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California assisting Berrah in her research. Earlier in the summer, he participated in the National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates Program, conducting research at the University of Nebraska.

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Faculty member adds enthusiastic fire to the flame as official Olympic torch bearer

A WMU faculty member will serve as an official carrier of the Olympic torch as it makes its cross-country journey from Los Angeles to Atlanta.

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Eight recognized for exemplary performance

Eight outstanding persons have been selected to receive Staff Service Excellence Awards for the fourth quarter of 1995-96 covering January, February and March.

The winners are among 19 employees nominated by their peers for excellence and performance above and beyond job requirements.

- Bruce M. K. Buchan, physical plant building custodial and support services; Anna Horn, residence hall life; Deborah Funk, customer services; Betty L. Kirk, physical plant building custodial and support services; Pamela G. Libeck, administration/financial controller, Dare Kerr, Haworth College of Business; Judith J. Stout, health, physical education and recreation; and Alicia J. Yeagley, communication.

- Four winners are from the professional/technical/administrative employee group, there is one from the classified employee group, and one is a member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Each will receive a Staff Service Excellence Certificate and a $50 gift certificate to the designated University facility of their choice. A total of 73 staff members have received awards since the program began in 1994.

Currently, the selection committee is accepting nominations for the annual awards component of the Staff Service Excellence Awards Program. Prizes for the annual awards include $1,000 and other recognition.

Graduate students to be honored for contributions

A total of 28 graduate students will be honored for their contributions to the scholarly and artistic productivity of the University community.

The event to honor this year's Graduate Research and Creative Scholars will run from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 30, in the Prentis Alumni Room of the Bernhard Center. Preceding the reception at 3:30 p.m., selected recipients of Graduate Research and Creative Scholarships will make presentations on their research and creative activities in 204 Bernhard Center. The University community is invited to attend.

This is the 11th year that the awards will be made by the Graduate College. Graduate Research and Creative Scholarships are awarded by the Department of Human Resources to students enrolled in the University since spring 1995. Those students are designated as Graduate Department Research and Creative Scholars.

The department scholars will be selected by a committee consisting of the chancellor, the provost, and the deans, who are charged with the task of identifying outstanding students at the master's, specialist and doctoral levels who have shown significant research and creative work.

Grants available to support volunteer service programs

Michigan Campus Compact is now accepting grant applications from non-profit volunteer organizations, student clubs, and registered campus organizations to support volunteerism projects to help the community.

MCC's 13th Venture Grant cycle opened April 26 and will close on Friday, June 7. The program offers awards of up to $2,500 for projects that can develop or expand community service programs or enhance service learning opportunities. Projects that show that they will foster the lifestyle of involvement in community service as well as provide opportunities for local community development can be used at other colleges and universities.

Past Venture Grants awarded to WMU have supported such projects as a Math Homework Hotline serving community students and the compilation of a handicap accessible directory of community agencies.

MCC is an action-oriented demonstration project that encourages voluntary community college opportunities for students and promotes education for citizenship.

For more information about the Venture Grant Program or on proposal requirements, persons should contact Terri Benton-Offle, student volunteer services, in the Lee Honors College at 7-3201.

Human resources

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The review process includes evaluating the employee's performance of the measurable job responsibilities attached to the position, appraising performance against goals established in the employee's performance appraisal form, and determining merit increases for performance. The completed form, with all required signatures, should then be turned in to the Department of Human Resources.

It is expected that documented satisfactory performance will be needed to receive a pay increase for the 1996-97 fiscal year, although that pay plan has not yet been finalized.

Questions concerning the appraisal process can be directed to the wage and salary office at 7-3674.

Exchange


On campus

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WMU and AAPU bargaining teams named

Bargaining teams for the University and the WMU chapter of the American Asso- ciation of University Professors have been identified and meetings have begun to nego- tiate a contract.

The current three-year contract between the University and the faculty union ex- pires on Sept. 1. The new pact will have been scheduled about three weeks by Wednesday June 17.

Members of the University team are: David O. Lyon, director of collective barg- naging and contract administration; The- mitus Hustoles, an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Pulpock & Stone, chief negotia- tor; Lance Query, dean of University li- braries; Shirley S. Scott, chairperson of English; Carol L. Stumam, associate vice president for academic affairs; and Lewis Walker, chairperson of sociology. Members of the faculty team are: Lynnwood H. Bartley, communication, chair president; Charles E. Hines Jr., accountancy, chief negotiator; Galen J. Aless, psychology, grievance officer; Ariel L. Anderson, education and professional development, contract administrator; and Robert J. Rieci, music.

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For more information about the events, persons should contact Mary J. D'Iorso, University computing services and presi- dent of the CITO, at 7-5470 or Tony E. Griffin, WMUK and president of the APA, at 7-5717.

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Graduate admissions site on WWW earns accolades from national professional group

WMU has earned an award for its efforts to provide information to prospective graduate students on the World Wide Web. The University was selected from among 100 nominees to receive the 1996 National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals Award for Promotional Excellence on the World Wide Web. A committee of association members and students chose the institution based on the design, content and user friendliness of its Web pages.

The award, which carries with it a $1,000 cash prize and framed certificate, was presented at the NAGAP’s annual meeting in San Francisco last month. The NAGAP is an organization of more than 700 members working in the graduate admissions and recruitment environment.

Information targeted at prospective graduate students has been available through WMU’s Web site since last fall. The World Wide Web is a universe of information accessible through the Internet. Documents on the Web use both text and graphics as well as links that allow users to find other documents or parts of the same document by simply clicking a mouse.

"We know we’re getting a number of hits because we’re getting a lot of e-mail from students who have accessed it," said Kenneth S. Schulte, assistant professor of admissions and orientation. He worked on the project with Paula J. Boodt, admissions and orientation, and Bruce L. Paananen, University computing services. Last summer, the three worked together on taking information already available in paper form and converting it into electronic form.

The graduate admissions information is available through WMU’s home page at: http://www.wmich.edu. It can be reached either by clicking on Graduate Programs or Admissions.

Information available covers such topics as: an overview of WMU; programs and degrees; academic programs; admission opportunities: the Kalamazoo community; housing; child care, health care and insurance; career services and the Graduate Student Advisory Committee; recreation; and costs and financial aid.

Also available is an on-line form for those who wish to apply for graduate admission. The University has received more than 100 applications on the on-line form since it’s been on the Web.

WMU is in the process of developing more Web pages containing information for prospective undergraduate students. Some text-based information on various academic programs already is available, as well as material on campus tours and answers to questions frequently asked by transfer students. Wester has made sure that the entire 11,000-word text and photographs from the "viewbook" sent to prospective undergraduate students on the Web, along with an on-line application program

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by news services for use in Western News is available through Gopher on the WMU's home page. Currently, there are three calendars available: May events, June events; and future events, which run from July through December. To view the calendars, type Gopher at the system prompt. At the next menu, choose 2. Western Michigan University, then choose 3. Campus Calendar. You will find options for 1. This Month; 2. Next Month; and 3. Future Events.

Thursday, May 16

Doctoral oral examination, "A Qualitative Study of Friendships and Student-Faculty Relationships: Experiences and Perspectives of Korean International Students Studying in the United States," Janine Kim, counselor education and counseling psychology, 3210 Sangren Hall, 1 p.m.

Reception for Graduate Research and Creative Scholars, President’s Dining Room, 2:30 p.m.

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "A Jacobi-like Method for the Algebraic Riccati Equation," Heike Fabbender, the University of Bremen, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.

Friday, May 17

Doctoral oral examination, "Comparison of Selection-based vs. Topography-based Verbal Behavior," William Potter, psychology, 208 North Hall, 10 a.m.

Doctoral oral examination, "Culture Specific HIV/STD Prevention Programming for Lesbian and Bisexual Women," Kathleen M. Morrow, psychology 320 North Hall, 9 a.m.

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day, no classes.

Wednesday, May 29

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "My Favorite Induction Proof," Brian Alspach, Simon Fraser University, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4:10 p.m.; refreshments, 3:50 p.m.

*Admission charged

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ological University, which is ranked as a Doctoral II university in the national listing of higher education institutions by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Research and master's level institutions appeared before the subcommittee earlier. "I hope that this in some way reflects a conviction on the part of some legislators, at least, that there is special recognition to be given in our system of higher education for particular tiers that are distinctly different," the president said.

“We have observed that two funding floors have been set, one for research institutions and one for master's level institutions, but not a middle floor for doctoral institutions,” he continued. “As I have for several years, I would argue very strongly today that such a middle floor be considered.”

In each of the past two years, WMU’s state appropriation has been increased to reflect in Doctoral Designation. Two years ago, WMU received the second highest percentage increase and last year it received the highest percentage increase among the state’s 15 public universities.

Such increases help WMU address a variety of underfunding issues, including faculty and staff salaries, Haenisch said. “One of the conditions of having very good undergraduate education, very good research and very good faculty and staff is that you have to be competitive and pay salaries that people rightfully expect,” he told subcommittee members.

“Our faculty salaries, in particular, are not where they should be,” he continued, noting that assistant professors rank eighth, associate professors seventh and full professors sixth among the state’s 12 public universities. “We try hard to address this issue every year, and we try to do it without hitting our students with unreasonable tuition increases.”

WMU increased tuition for this year by just 2.6 percent, the lowest percentage of any public university in Michigan. It has kept increases at or below 5 percent for the past three years. Room and board rates were frozen for all students last fall and for all returning students this fall.

The measure now must go to the full House Appropriations Committee and on to the floor of the House. A conference committee will resolve differences between the previously passed Senate version and the House version. Final legislative action is expected by the end of June.

Retirement reception set for Orlofsky and Vredel

A retirement reception honoring Fred C. Orlofsky and Jack Vredel is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, June 3, at the Oaklands. Orlofsky is retiring after 30 years as men's gymnastics coach, but will continue to teach in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Vredel is retiring after 23 years as men's tennis coach. The University community is invited to attend.