Budget bill clears House with WMU's 7.8 percent intact

The Michigan House of Representatives April 5 approved a 1995-96 higher education budget that includes a 7.8 percent increase for WMU — the largest percentage increase among the state's 15 public universities.

The bill now goes to the Senate for deliberations.

"The House passage of this budget proposal is a big step toward more equitable funding among state universities," President Haenicke said. "We owe much of this success to the leadership of Rep. Don Gilmer, chairperson of the House Appropriations Committee. Our gratitude also goes to Reps. Ed LaForge and Chuck Pretty for their special help.

The House version of the budget bill is similar to the plan proposed in February by Gov. John Engler. It calls for a 3 percent across-the-board increase in appropriation for all state universities. In addition, WMU, Michigan State University and Grand Valley State University would get special one-time adjustments to recognize their status within the Carnegie classification system and to address their relative underfunding.

For the next fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, WMU's state appropriation would be $205.2 million, MSU would get a 7.5 percent increase and Wayne State University would get a 7.0 percent increase over last year. That includes the special adjustment of $4.3 million. 

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Under the proposal, WMU's appropriation is fourth in total dollar amount behind the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor at $288.7 million, MSU at $255.7 million and Wayne State University at $205.2 million.

For several years, Haenicke has advocated using the classification system developed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a basis for funding. The classification, he says, makes clear that there are significant differences between institutions and provides an objective rather than a political method for comparing peer schools.

Among public institutions, the system classifies MSU, the U-M, Ann Arbor and WSU in the top category of Research I. The research category includes 11 Research I universities in the state. WMU is alone in the Doctoral I category, followed by Michigan Technological University in the Doctoral II category. All of the other state institutions fall in the Master's I or Master's II classification.

In his executive budget recommendation, Engler called for special adjustments for the university in each of the three Carnegie categories (Doctoral, Research and Master's) that had the lowest state funding per student relative to its peers. It was the first time the governor had noticed the Carnegie classification as the basis for his budget recommendation.

Engler called for WMU, Michigan Technological University and Wayne State University to be funded at 7.8 percent, compared with their peers at similar institutions nationally.

"The surveys can contribute to improved coordination and communication among the various units of the University, both academic and non-academic. In addition, these results should enable the institution to monitor changes in both the needs of students and the quality of services. These data can illuminate areas in which to focus our efforts for improvement, and they can give a picture of the impact of earlier efforts," he said.

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The survey instrument was developed with the American College Testing Program by the American College Testing Program and was augmented with 30 locally developed items. It was administered by gradates in 44 classes across campus. The sample is broadly representative of the total University, with 35 percent lower division, 53 percent upper division and 12 percent graduate students. In addition to comparing the results to previous surveys, the offices compared the results with those from public institutions nationally that have enrollments of more than 10,000 students and administered the survey between 1990 and 1993.

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WMU students are more satisfied than their peers at similar institutions nationally with such items as library facilities and services, computer services and athletic facilities, according to a survey conducted by two University offices.

The Office of Academic Affairs and Division of Student Affairs have released results from a student opinion survey they administered to a sample of 1,000 WMU students in February 1994. The surveys have been conducted five times since 1981 to ascertain students' level of satisfaction with such things as library services and the environment at the University.

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Libraries - 70 percent satisfied, compared with 65 percent in 1990 and 66 percent in the national sample;

Computer services - 75 percent satisfied, compared with 63 percent in 1990 and 71 percent in the national sample;

Athletics media - 70 percent satisfied, compared with 57 percent in 1990 and 64 percent in the national sample;

Campus bookstore - 70 percent satisfied, compared with 65 percent in 1990 and 66 percent in the national sample.

Fewer areas at WMU than at other universities:

Campus security - 62 percent satisfied, compared with 53 percent in 1990 and 54 percent in the national sample.

Student life - 57 percent satisfied, compared with 65 percent in 1990 and 71 percent in the national sample.

Areas of Increased Student Satisfaction Exceeding the National Norm

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$650,000 grant helps WMU link schools with Internet

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Former Kalamazoo city manager to speak for public affairs and administration anniversary

Former Kalamazoo city manager Robert “Robbie” Bobb, who currently is city manager in Richmond, Va., and a leader in the American City andCountyManagement Association, will address at the 20th anniversary celebration of the WMU School of Public Affairs and Administration, April 25, in the 1 p.m. in Walholl Wood on East Campus. 

The public is invited to participate in a discussion of Bobb’s address, which is titled “The Double-Edged Sword of Civic Participation.” He is expected to discuss how to increase citizen participation in government.

With nearly 20 years of successful experience as city manager for two and a half years in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and as director of public utilities in Kalamazoo and as director of the School of Public Affairs and Administration and the induction of members of Pi Alpha Alpha, a public administration honor society.

The school will honor faculty members and administrators who have contributed to its success in the past years. Current faculty, students, internship sponsors and alumni will also be recognized.

Since 1975, WMU has awarded master of public administration degrees to more than 1,400 people. These men and women have gone on to hold significant leadership positions in state and local government, health care, nonprofit organizations and academic institutions. WMU’s School of Public Affairs and Administration currently enrolls the largest number of MPA candidates in the Midwest. The school also has offered a doctor of public administration degree in Lansing since 1980.

May opening scheduled for Unified Clinics

Faculty and staff members are invited to participate in the official opening of the WMU Unified Clinics in the University Medical Center and Health Sciences Center on East Campus in early May.

The University community is invited to tour the facilities from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, May 5. The clinics, part of the College of Health and Human Services, provide WMU students with model disciplinary and interdisciplinary clinical experiences while responding to unique service needs within communities.

Participating clinics and academic programs will be: Vision Rehabilitation Clinic (Department of Blind Rehabilitation); Activities of Daily Living and Occupational Therapy (Physical Therapy Clinic and Gym (Department of Occupational Therapy); Enabling Technology Laboratory, Pre-School Language Intervention Program, Audiology Services and Voice and Respiratory Clinical Laboratory (Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology); and University Substance Abuse Clinic (Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse).

The Friday tour is part of a four-day opening celebration that begins Thursday, May 4, and also includes receptions and tours for other constituency groups. Assistant Dean for Student Support Services scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7.

The May 5 opening will be followed by a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. for photographer Douglas William Neal, whose recent photographs of Germany will be on display throughout the clinics during May and June. Those touring the facilities will be invited to stay for the reception. The reception will be followed by a reception in the arts and the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo.

Recent-compositions by C. Curtis-Smith, music, are being performed in Kalamazoo and national and international audiances.

Last October, Curtis-Smith received a $7,000 grant from the Arts Foundation of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Of all the artists competing for the award, only 10 received the grant in music and only Curtis-Smith was awarded full funding. His application was given the highest score by the judges in the competition.

The resulting work, “African Laughing Man,” was performed by the West German Radio Symphony Orchestra at the Cribrook Academy of Arts Museum in February. The work is scored for flute, oboe, clarinet, violin, viola, cello and piano, and is based on black African musical and rhythmic ideas.

Another Curtis-Smith composition, “The Great American Symphony (GAS),” was performed by the West German Radio Orchestra at the Cribrook Academy of Arts Museum in May. Recording sessions preceded the concert, and a CD of the work is planned for later release.

The conductor for that concert, Dennis Russell Davies, also will lead the American Composers Orchestra in Curtis-Smith’s “Left Hand Concerto” with pianist Leon Fleisher in Carnegie Hall in New York City at the end of the month.

Human resources


Second stress seminar planned

Dr. Erika Lee, coordinator of the Stress Counseling Program, will present the second stress seminar of the spring, entitled “Managing the Unmanageable” on Wednesday, May 10, in 157-59 Bernhard Center.

Because many of you asked for a more in-depth explanation of stress and its causes, a holistic approach will be taken to present an overview of the many ways to reduce stress.

Reservations are necessary, and are being taken by the Department of Human Resources, sponsor of the seminar. Desk top “stress reducers” will again be given to the first 50 registrants, and complimentary health drinks will be served.

For further information, return the registration slip that is part of the stress seminar flyer which will be distributed soon to faculty and staff by campus mail.

Those who wish to be relieved of providing their own brown-bag lunch may order a health meal from Bernhard Center Deli by completing the order form on the flyer, or by calling Doris at 7-MENU. The cost for these box lunches is $4.35.

Exchange

EXCHANGE — Ethan Allen traditional style four-piece suite. Six loose cushion with autumn colors. $125. Call 372-1951 after 6 p.m.

Furniture — Oak desk, $20; adjustable office chair, $100; oak desk chair, $25; oak desk chair, $20; adjustable office chair, $100; oak desk chair, $25; oak desk chair, $20; adjustable office chair, $100.

Curtis-Smith works performed here and abroad

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Textbook requisitions due with WMU Bookstore

Faculty members are asked to make sure their textbook and course material reservations for the spring, summer and fall semesters are submitted to the WMU Bookstore in the Bernhard Center as soon as possible.

The used book buyback will be con- ducted April 13-22. Buyers can offer stu- dents 50 percent of the list price for text books that are going to be required for classes in successive terms. If there is no list price the buyer will offer 80 percent of the list price.

HOURS for the used book buyback in 105 Bernhard Center are: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 17-18; 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 19; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 21; 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 24; 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25; and 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. The center is closed on the 29th.
POSTER SESSION PREVIEW — Floy L. McKenzie, left, associate dean for research and graduate programs in the College of Education, got a sneak preview of one of the poster displays set up for the April 4 College of Education Research Convocation from researcher Antonio N. Rubinio. Rubinio, who works with the college's new Center for Research on At-Risk Students in its Science and Mathematics Program Improvement area, is a Fulbright grant winner and a post-doctoral researcher from Venezuela. He was one of more than 50 education researchers who displayed information on recent research projects during the poster session, which was part of the annual convocation held in the Bernhard Center.

WMUK-FM completes campaign in record time

WMUK-FM (102.1), the University's public radio station, wrapped up its spring fund-raising campaign in record time last week.

The on-air portion of the campaign began at 5:30 a.m. April 3 and was concluded by 6:54 a.m. April 5 when the goal of $57,000 was reached. The 50-hour campaign was the shortest in station history.

WMUK had originally announced a goal of $50,000 — the same as last year's — but increased the target in the face of pending budget cuts by Congress.

"After all of the controversy over federal funding for public broadcasting, our listeners wanted a loud and clear statement about their values," said Floyd Pietka, WMUK. "They don't want public radio privatized. They want to hear something. They want that message to be heard loud and clear, and got this campaign-completed in record time — not only though our goal was 50 percent higher than last spring."

Before beginning the on-air portion of the drive, the station had mailed information to listeners about the budget situation. Supporters responded immediately so that the station had $43,335 in contributions and pledges from 646 listeners by the time it was ready to go on the air April 3.

At the close of the campaign, 1,154 listeners had contributed — 110 of them first-time donors. The average pledge was $65.56, well above the national average of $52. WMUK was among the first public stations in the country to wrap up its effort during the national pledge campaign.

"We couldn't do it without such faithful listeners," said Garrard D. Macleod, WMUK. "Their generosity and support are outstanding.

State superintendent to speak

Robert Schiller, state superintendent of public instruction, will speak on campus Tuesday, April 18.

His free public address, titled "Expanding Students' Choices and Opportunities," is scheduled for 7 p.m. in 2302 Sanger Hall.

"With the high interest in charter schools among the school boards, and the possibilities of the Legislature's rescinding of the school code, educators, students and interested citizens are encouraged to attend," said Carol Payne Smith, education and professional development, who is organizing the event.

Schiller's visit is being sponsored by WMU's chapter of Phi Delta Kappa professional education fraternity.

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services compared with 75 percent in 1990 and the national norm of 61 percent. The 14 percentage point increase in satisfaction over last year among the athletic facilities also is dramatic, according to Powell, who noted that the WMU average is 13 percentage points above the national norm.

While usage of library facilities and services is only slightly up from 1990 (92 percent compared 90 percent), satisfaction with that item has increased markedly from 66 percent to 85 percent. The percentage satisfied also is a quite a bit above the national norm of 79 percent.

In fact, the library item and the item on study areas moved from showing less satisfaction than the national sample in 1990 to showing greater satisfaction.

Completely the recent construction of the $7.6 million University Computing Center, the $19.3 million expansion and renovation of Waldo Library and the $5 million construction and renovation of facilities for student recreation and intercollegiate athletics contributed to the increased satisfaction with computer services, library facilities, study areas and athletic facilities, according to Powell.

While 35 percent of students surveyed indicated that they thought crime at WMU was a serious problem, 31 percent said they were satisfied with personal safety/security on campus. Only 9 percent indicated dissatisfaction with campus security.

For other disservices, compared with the 1990 WMU survey, satisfaction was around 50 percent.

Another of other areas showed significant positive results, Barrett said, with WMU registering greater satisfaction than the national sample in 1990. Those areas are: variety of courses; course content; registration services; student health services; and academic advising.

Two additional areas have satisfaction exceeding 70 percent, although this level has dropped since the 1990 and has not increased since then. They are: personal safety/security and student counseling.

Several other areas show an expand in satisfaction since 1990, although they are not statistically different from the national sample. They are, along with the 1994 percentage satisfaction and the 1990 percentage satisfaction in parentheses:

parking facilities and services — 71 percent compared with 68 percent; and dining facilities — 70 percent compared with 65 percent.

Several other areas show a significant positive results, Barrett said, with WMU students expressing greater satisfaction in:

- residence hall life, 68 percent (58 percent); and
- academic advising, 58 percent (48 percent).

Other areas of dissatisfaction were:

- parking facilities and services — 71 percent (68 percent); and
- academic advising, 59 percent (51 percent).

And attitude of non-teaching staff toward students, 43 percent (37 percent).

In 1990, all but two of these areas — general condition of buildings and grounds and the admissions and financial aid adviser — were lower than the national norm, rather than about the same. "These areas are encouraging because they are areas showing improvement in satisfaction," Barrett said.

There were several areas in which WMU students expressed greater dissatisfaction than those in the national sample, in all except one area — parking facilities and services were either neutral or expressed satisfaction," she said. However, students were more dissatisfied than their national counterparts, compared with 21 percent in 1990 and 17 percent in the national sample; classroom facilities were 19 percent dissatisfied, compared with 19 percent in 1990 and 12 percent in the national sample; laboratory facilities — 15 percent dissatisfied, compared with 12 percent in 1990 and 9 percent in the national sample; and college orientation program for 13 percent dissatisfied, compared with 15 percent in 1990 and 8 percent in the national sample.

The areas of dissatisfaction are ones the University is already working to improve," Powell said.

WMU was selected as one of only 104 institutions in the federal government's direct lending program is already streamlined so that students receive their loans," said Stanley E. Henderson, enrollment management and admissions. "In addition, a number of procedural changes also are under way to incorporate student concerns."

The planned renovation of Wood Hall and the construction of the new science building should improve a significant number of our classroom and laboratory facilities," added Evaic Asken, campus planning, engineering and construction.

In the areas of facilities, we improved conditions for commuter students at the beginning of the fall semester by closing 210 on Wood Avenue and opening 405 spaces on the top level of the new parking structure for other students," said Lanny H. Wilde, public safety.

Calendar

The master calendar maintained by news services for use in Western News is now available through Gopher on the VMUCHet server. Currently, there are three calendars available: April events; May events; and future events, which run from June through December.

The rest of the year's events can be found by logging on to the server and choosing 2. Western Michigan University, then choose 3. Campus Calendar. You will find options for 1. This Month's Events, 2. Next Month's Events and 3. Future Events.

Thursday, April 13

Exhibition, sculpture and drawings by John Running-Johnson, art, Gallery II, Sangren

Thursday, April 14

No classes

*Baseball, WMU vs. Michigan State University, Hyames Field, 3 p.m.

Mathematics and statistics colloquium, "Summing Tornheim's Double Series," James G. Huard, Canisius College, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.; refreshments, 3:45 p.m.

Student recital, Michelle Mailhot, soprano, Dalton Center Lecture Hall, 5:30 p.m.

*Performance: "Will Rogers Follies," Miller Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 15

No classes

*Baseball, WMU vs. University of Akron, Sokres Courts, 3 p.m.

*Theater, "The Little Mermaid." at the Federal Theater, 8 p.m.

*Game, men, 7 p.m.

*Baseball, (16) baseball, WMU vs. Kent State University, Hyames Field, 1 p.m.

*Women's tennis, WMU vs. the University of Toledo, Sokres Courts, 1 p.m.

Budget cuts by Georgia (17)

Seventh annual Teacher Placement Day, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Exhibition, MFA degree show by Donald C. Dombrowski, Gallery II, Sangren Hall, worked through April 19; reception, Wednesday, April 19, 6-8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

Softball, WMU vs. Central Michigan University, Ebert Field, 2 p.m.

Phi Delta Kappa presentation, "Expanding Students' Choices and Opportunities," at 7:30 p.m. in 2302 Sanger Hall, state superintendent of public instruction, 2302 Sanger Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 20

Doctoral oral examination, 'Asympotic Diagonlizations of a Linear Ordinary Differen

ential System,' Feiping Xie, mathematics and statistics, Commons Room, sixth floor, Everett Tower, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 21

Monday, Board of Trustees, times and locations to be announced.

(12) Softball, WMU vs. Bowling Green State University, Ebert Field, April 21, 2 p.m.; and April 22, noon.

Retirement reception for Frank J. Carrabino, physical plant-maintenance services, President's Dining Room, Bernhard Center, 2-4 p.m.

Reception honoring Lowell F. Crow, associate dean of the Haworth College of Business, at 4:30 p.m. in the atrium of our classroom and laboratory facilities, "alleviated Evaic Asken, campus planning, engineering and construction.

Softball, WMU vs. Ferris State University, Ebert Field, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

*Baseball, WMU vs. Eastern Michigan University, Hyames Field, 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 29

20th anniversary celebration of the Public Affairs and Administration, keynote address, "The Double-Edged Sword of Civic Participation," Robert C. Cobb, city manager; Richard W., and former city manager of Kalamazoo, Walwood Hall, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 1

Spring session classes begin.