Low appropriation increase forces University to face $1.4 million deficit

Saying he was "deeply disappointed" with WMU's 1989-90 appropriation from the state, President Haenicke July 28 recommended a 9 percent increase in tuition and fees for this fall to the Board of Trustees.

Earlier in the day, the Legislature had approved an appropriations bill that included a 4.3 percent increase for WMU. Officials had been anticipating a 5.25 percent increase. WMU was lumped with five other schools that received the lowest percent increase of the 15 public state universities.

"Even with an increase of 3.15 percent, we had projected a deficit in our budget of neariy $1 million," Haenicke said. "NOW, with state support going up only 4.3 percent, we project a deficit of $5.4 million."

While emphasizing that no layoffs will take place, Haenicke said that he will personally address the projected deficit. He also said that WMU "would have to consider seri- ously a cap on enrollment" for next year, something not previously considered at the University.

"We have more students than we can ade- quately accommodate, given the current level of support from the state," Haenicke said, adding that "many classes are filled to capacity and our support staff is stressed to the limit."

"I have argued vigorously before both Houses of the Legislature that we want to keep access to the institution open, and I've been told by legislators that that is a commendable course of action," he said.

"But state support per student at Western actually has decreased as our enrollment has grown in recent years," he said. "We cannot continue this course indefinitely without endangering the quality of education we offer."

Haenicke said he "deeply regretted" having to recommend the tuition and fee increase, which the Board approved.

Carrol A. Waszkiewicz of Kalamazoo, chairman of the Board, said that the University is working hard to provide an education at an affordable price and we are being penalized for that. The Legislature, he said, when we are doing A work."

Haenicke said that the University has been responsive to requests by the state and has managed its resources responsibly, yet it is again faced with an increase that is insuffi- cient.

"I think the state commits a serious mis- take in not recognizing that the future well- fare of the economic, social and cultural life of this state is terribly dependent on higher education," he said.

The tuition and fee increase brings the cost to a Michigan freshman taking 31 credit hours over two semesters to $1,135. That's an increase of $180.25 over last year's total of $954.75.

Haenicke said institutional funds for stu- dent financial aid also will be increased by 9 percent, indicating that it has been the Uni- versity's practice to increase those funds at about the same rate as tuition and fees are increased.

Vander Ploeg appointed new director of telecommunications

Garry W. Vander Ploeg has been named WMU's new director of telecommunications. His appointment, effective Sept. 5, was approved July 18 by the Board of Trustees. He will replace Alastair L. Omand, who re- signed.

Vander Ploeg has been director of the tele- communications division for the state of Michigan since 1987. He was manager of planning, engineering and operations for the state during the summer session. The News will resume a new look by the fall. The new look incorporates the current portable salad bar into the regular serving line. The Dining room work continues to provide a more pleasant atmosphere and more efficient service. The dining room work continues to provide a more pleasant atmosphere and more efficient service. New improvements will be to incorporate the current portable salad bar into the regular serving line.

University receives record $9 million in grants

New research grants to the University played a major role in achieving the record-breaking $9 million 1988-89 grant total reported to the Board of Trustees at its July 28 meeting.

By June 30, the end of the fiscal year, ex- ternal grants to the University had reached $8,013,864 -- the highest external funding total in WMU's history. The new total repre- sents a 12.5 percent increase over last year's record-setting $7 million total.

Since the 1984-85 fiscal year, annual ex- ternal grants have risen by more than $5 million. Using the 1984-85 $3.9 million total as a base, President Haenicke said members in 1986 to double external fund- ing to the University by the end of the 1990-91 academic year. That mission was accom- plished last June -- three years ahead of schedule. Since then, external funding has continued to increase.

Donald E. Thompson, vice president for re- search, told the Board that research grants -- traditionally the most difficult to secure -- have increased by 42 percent to $3.8 million this year and grants for new research alone have risen by more than 57 percent to $1,725,997.

Funding for new public service projects al- so grew dramatically during the year, regis- tering an 81 percent increase. Those projects, combined with many of the advan- tages that result from research on campus, keep the University at the forefront of eco- nomic development in West Michigan, Thompson says.

He attributes this year's funding increase to two important developments: The size of individual research grants increased during the past year and more cross-discipline colla- borations among WMU faculty members took place.

"Our faculty members are getting into stiffer grant competition and they're being successful," he says. "We're also seeing a growth in cross-discipline thinking and pro- posal writing. That's something we've worked on and we're seeing the results."

"Increased numbers of faculty funding pro- posals and their success rates of actually making awards are instrumental in the continued increase in external funding," Thompson says.

Funding was awarded to 29 faculty members who submitted proposals this year, com- pared with 8 last year. Of all awards received in 1988-89, 15 percent went to first-time awardees.

The Board also learned at its meeting that the University received more than $6 million in gifts during the 1988-89 fiscal year.
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Obituaries

A campus memorial service for Frederick P. Gault, 64, a member of the Academic Computing Center, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, in Calvin Chapel. The service will follow in the President's Dining Room of the Bernard Center.

Gault died July 26 at age 64 in his home in Kalamazoo. He had been a member of the psychology department at WMU since 1967 and had chaired the department from 1971 to 1977. He was a member of the American Psychological Association, the Eastern Psychological Association, the New York State Association for Colleges and Universities, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity. A member of the faculty in the Department of Academic Psychology, he was a recognized referee for a number of journals and was a reviser of textbook manuscripts for several publishers.

Gault's research interests included neuro-psychology, human sexuality, stress, drug interactions, Alzheimer's disease and the relationship between brain function and behavior. Publishers of textbooks and journals made memorial contributions for a scholarship to the WMU Foundation.

Media

Three faculty members will be guests in the coming weeks on "Focus," a five-minute radio program broadcast by the Office of Public Information. "Focus" is scheduled to air on these Saturdays at 6:10 a.m. on WKZO-FM (89.7), 4 p.m. on WZAM (99.5), and 1 p.m. on WKZO-AM (590) with the following speakers and topics: Phillip D. Adams, humanities and history, who will talk about Woodcock on American culture, Aug. 12; Sue A. Davidson, Office of Adult Learning Services, on nontraditional students, Aug. 19; and Mary S. Stubble, education and professional development, on stress among middle-school students, Aug. 26.

Jobs

The listing below is currently being posted by employment services in the Department of Human Resources. Interested fringe-benefit eligible employees should submit a job opportunity transfer application or sign the appropriate bid sheet during the posting period. 3rd- and 5th-class positions are not required to be posted. Interested University employees may contact an employment service supervisor for assistance in securing these positions.

(b) Curator - Antalco, 5-94, Archives, 89/90-459, 8/14/89.
(R) Secretary III, 5-06, Continuing Education, 89/90-961, 8/15/89.
(R) Coordinator, Donor Relations, 5-01, Development Office, 89/90-454, 8/15/89.
(N) Office Supervisor, Microcomputer Support Center, 5-95, Academic Computing Center, 89/90-449, 8/15/89.
(N) Microcomputer Consultant Programmer (2 Positional), X-04, Academic Computing Center, 89/90-449, 8/15/89.
(N) Nurse-Nursing Station, P-04, Health Center, 89/90-465, 8/21/89.

(B) New - Revenue - WMU is an EEO/AA employer

Calendar

Plaza

Thursday/10

(10) HW 292 Exhibition of the 1989 University Photo Contest winning entries, 1200 Student Administration Building, weekdays, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m.

- Concert, "Fez Sit," Grammy award winning acapella gospel singing group, Miller Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Fridays

- Open house sale of surplus items, WCID Building, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hettinger, Executive Board and Council of Representatives Meeting, Hale Center, Room A, Bernard Hall, 10 a.m.

Monday/16

- "Management and executive development seminar, "Train-the-Trainer," Edward E. Jones Jr., president, Management Training Consulting Group, 7-17 through Sept. 30, Peterson Hall, 8 a.m.

- Open House for annual Direct Instruction Conference, Miller Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Tuesday/17

- Doctoral oral examination, "A Study of Personality Style and Interpersonal Attitudes on Parenting," David Russell, counseling psychology, Hale Center, Room A, Bernard Hall.

- Doctoral oral examination, "Perceptual and Evaluative Aspects of Basic Learning Programs by Michigan Public School Principals," Linda Bush Haff, educational leadership, Tate Center conference room, 7-15, Bernard Hall, 1 p.m.

Wednesday/18

- Ninth annual Benson Race, Miller Auditorium Plaza, 3-11 p.m.

- Fall semester classes begin.

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