Budget proposal ‘will seriously erode’ higher education’s capabilities

Gov. James J. Blanchard’s 1988-89 budget recommendation “will seriously erode higher education’s capability to compete nationally," President Haenicke told state legislators March 21 in Grand Rapids.

"Unless we make investments now, then surely the citizenry will pay later," Haenicke said. "Prudence dictates the need to act. Michigan must do better in order to compete nationally."

President Haenicke provided that assessment in testimony before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education, chaired by Sen. S. Brady of Grand Rapids.

"We want to maintain enrollment at about 23,000 students in total head count, although the institution would seek to respond to increases in off-campus enrollment. Rearrange the budget allocation of the Governor’s recommendation for next fiscal year, Haenicke said, "I am basically optimistic person, but the proposed executive budget recommendation severely tests that tendency."

"Haenicke said that a 1.05 percent increase for Western of only $23,000. That reflects a 25 percent permanent base reduction of $59,000 as well as a $3.3 million in student computer fees released for use

Increased computing capacity and services offered by the University will be the result of a plan, announced earlier this month, by Haenicke, to use $2 million in student computer fees collected since last April.

"The spending plans, as presented to the Board of Trustees and took effect at the beginning of the spring 1987 session. The fee collected to date have been held by the administration, awaiting completion of a comprehensive plan to enhance the University’s computing capacity." In releasing the funds to implement the new plan, Haenicke praised the effort of the faculty and deans and said that their work followed closely the commitments he voiced when the fee was instituted.

At the same time, Haenicke pledged that the fee would be used to: upgrade and update mainframe computer capabilities; double or triple the number of open access terminals across the campus; give students access to computer workshops and microcomputer laboratories; help finance the provision of student computing facilities in the library; support the electronic mail and electronic bulletin board; and assist in the installation and maintenance of a comprehensive telecommunications network that would give students individual access to the University’s computing network from their rooms.

According to the plan, payment will first be made on the University’s bond fund reserve; with a gap to be financed by a fee to modernize computer services. The fee could be used to purchase hardware and software and to provide funds to computer services for the first several years.

An additional $125,000 in funds will be provided annually from the Institutional Equipment Pool which is managed by the Office of the Provost.

"We have served the student needs because the faculty has accepted the responsibility to develop new ways to provide instruction at the highest level of quality," he said. "And the test of our success has been the responsiveness of the students."

Haenicke concluded by saying, "Despite the state’s increased support of higher education over the past four years, we at Western Michigan University have yet to solve the problems spawned by an inadequate base that fails to take account of our mission, program mix and staffing."

Simpson: Conduct open office hours

James J. Blanchard, governor, will conduct open office hours from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, to provide students, faculty and staff members with the opportunity to stop by and visit with him on any topic of concern.

Haenicke plans to be available in his office, 3060 Selbert Administration Building. Individuals may visit without making an appointment and will not be restricted in time unless others are waiting. In that case, a time limit of 10 minutes will be imposed.

Persons may call the Office of the President at 7-2351 to make sure President Haenicke is available prior to visiting during the allotted time.

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Additional phone directory to be published soon

An additional supplemental directory of faculty and staff telephone numbers will be published in the next week and a half.

'We now will be publishing two directories every year,' said Pat Stafford, telecommunications. 'One will be for faculty and staff members who would like phone accessories, such as handset units, or who would like to obtain them from the telecommunications department. The accessories are available at the campus center.

An announcement with ordering procedures is forthcoming.'
Haenicke welcomes employees

"We want you to be a success, to stay with us here at Western and to achieve your full potential," President Haenicke told a group of new employees at an orientation session for them conducted last Monday in the Bernhard Student Center.

That was one of two central themes Haenicke developed during the session, called "Western and You: Commitment to Excellence." The other was student success. "We're in the business of preparing students," he said. "We want them to achieve what they come here to do, and we want them to graduate." A more comprehensive new employee orientation session will be held each year and to achieve your full potential," President Haenicke emphasized the importance of cooperation in achieving institutional goals.

Discussions of staff training seminars and the new employee department were among the topics of a presentation on the University's employees.

Supervisors are given opportunities to attend as well.

"The University, not even share in the decision-making process. "Everybody has a voice. Everybody has a role," Haenicke said. "We help the University solve its budget problems, Haenicke responded: "No, I don't agree."

Referring to a published suggestion that interference with work.

One position controls the wellness committee and personnel procedures to help quell the fears and help employees and co-workers deal with AIDS and other personal problems.

Jobs

Whenever instructors expect all of the material, they should place that material on reserve. This means anything from a single page from a book, magazine, or newspaper, to an entire chapter, to 9:30 a.m. and 9:40 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, and 11:15 p.m. and midnight to 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, and 11:15 p.m. and midnight to 1:30 a.m.

"What I read," he continued, "was a compassionate suggestion that was made in at least two situations against the president, who is out to gouge students. I do not agree."

"What we have is a budget problem we can manage if we manage it jointly," Haenicke said. "That means everybody. We, in our classrooms, in dining services and in the residence halls, without adding more people, if we want to have pay increases."

Haenicke emphasized that no one would be laid off. "We'll all have to work a little harder," said Haenicke. To the Board of Trustees, "the workplace remains safe for everybody who is currently on the board." He explained that salary savings would be achieved through normal attrition.

Haenicke concluded by encouraging employees to talk with their supervisors about any concerns they may have, and he reminded them of his own regular open office hours.

The Admissions, Financial Aid and Student Services Councils of the Faculty Senate will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 31, in Conference Room A on the third floor of the Seibert Administration Building. The agenda includes reports on admissions and financial aid, as well as reports from the Non-Traditional Student Committee and the International Student Advisory Committee.

Personnel

Helping our own -- classes for all employees on AIDS and the Employee Assistance Program. AIDS will inevitably strike our workforce. The AIDS Task Force, the Wellness Committee and the personnel department invite all employees to attend a day-long informational session and a seminar to present the medical facts about AIDS and relevant University policies and procedures to help employees and co-workers deal with AIDS and related problems.

In addition, Valerie Martin, Employee Assistance Program chairperson, will be present to discuss this new service and ways it can help employees and co-workers deal with AIDS and related problems.

Staff training seminars offered Payroll and P-06 Procedures, part three of the four-part Business Principles and Practice staff training workshops, is set for 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, in the Red Rooms of the Bernhard Student Center.

Participants will learn the A to Z of the WFD and AIDS office, as well as the correct preparation of attendance reports through the issuing of paychecks.

The instructor will be Richard K. Schaper, staff benefits; Pauline M. Trembley, personnel data systems; and Michael A. Weber, payroll.

What you might know, should know and must know for reaching pay goal activities.

The fitness walking clinic will be conducted from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Monday, March 28, in Read Fieldhouse. It will conclude with a walk from TCBY -- the Country's Best Yogurt.

Walking is an excellent exercise for all ages. It can help you provide you with all the aerobic benefits of jogging without the necessity to increase your cardiovascular strength and endurance, flexibility and muscle tone with fitness walking techniques that will increase the effectiveness of any walking program.

"Cycling for Fun and Fitness" will be offered from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, in 106-107 Bernhard Student Center. Cycling can become a personal or family fitness activity that combines the beauty of nature with the strength of body and spirit. This workshop will provide information on evaluating bike routes, specific physical conditioning for safety and fitness, tips on bike accessories and maps of bike routes along with local cycling club information.

Registration is required for both clinics. Call the Zest for Life Office at 7-3562 to sign up.

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enrollment level. This budget recommendation will seriously -- and let me underscore seriously -- restrict our ability to assure student access and to provide the range of academic programs and services commensurate with our student enrollment.

Also present at the hearing were: Provost George M. Dennisson; Robert M. Bean, vice president for business and finance; Keith A. Prettly, vice president for legislative affairs and general counsel; Joe Gage, executive director of public relations and communications; Dean K. Hossbarger, director of budgets and financial planning; Vince Green, assistant to Prettly; and Halbert E. Bates, an administrative associate in Prettly's office.

Three faculty members also attended: Lynnwood B. Bartley, humanities, who is secretary of the WMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors; Adrian C. Edwards, finance and commercial law, who is chairman of the Budget and Finance Council of the Faculty Senate; and Arnie Johnson, English, who has served as the AAUP's chief negotiator. Graduate student Dan Miller, a Western Student Association president, also was present.
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