



OU NEWS

Appropriation good, cut expected

The state's budget process contains some good and bad news for Oakland University, President Donald D. O'Dowd reported.

A joint conference committee of the legislature has recommended a \$19,755,700 appropriation for OU for 1979-80, a 9.1 percent increase over the 1978-79 funding level.

OU President Donald D. O'Dowd expressed great pleasure at the increase in OU's base over the previous year. The increase represents some \$1,643,300 in new dollars.

At the same time, the president warned that worsening economic conditions in the state make it probable that the governor will be forced to cut appropriation recommendations by perhaps as much as five percent during the fiscal year. He would accomplish this through an executive order.

O'Dowd said "In order to minimize the need to respond to such a reduction in the general fund by laying off or terminating personnel, I am compelled to establish a series of controls on current expenditures. These procedures have been designed to protect jobs during a time when employment may be difficult to obtain. With great reluctance, I must institute the following policies: 1. Any personnel position now vacant or becoming vacant may be filled only with the approval of

the university president. 2. Equipment purchases from the general fund must be limited to those items required to protect the health and safety of persons or must be absolutely necessary for the continued operation of programs. Every equipment requisition must be approved by the division administrative officer who reports to the president."

The OU appropriation recommendation and other items in the 1979-80 budget must be approved by the governor. It is anticipated that he will approve the higher education items as submitted by the joint conference committee and make adjustments later by executive order.

The OU appropriation as currently constructed contains an economic adjustment of 7 percent or \$1,207,200. Other items of note in the new money include \$100,000 in one-time support for equipment needed to run new programs, \$83,915 for a community based work-study program, and \$155,000 in support of the Institute of Biological Sciences. This research institute had not previously received line item support in the state appropriations.

Conference committee recommendations for the state's colleges and universities are listed below. All figures are for the state fiscal year running from Oct. 1 of 1979 through September of 1980.

	1978-79 Actual	1979-80	
		Exec. Budget	Conference Committee
CMU	\$ 27,069.5	\$ 28,893.9	\$ 29,531.1
EMU	31,879.7	33,792.5	34,778.8
FSC	20,014.1	21,203.4	21,846.2
GVSC	12,142.9	13,085.9	13,268.2
LSSC	5,194.1	5,765.4	5,739.5
MSU	112,207.8	125,380.7	122,875.1
MTU	17,823.1	18,892.5	19,495.2
NMU	19,088.8	20,234.1	20,849.3
OU	18,112.4	19,244.8	19,755.7
SVSC	6,052.2	6,715.4	6,687.4
UMAA	133,866.6	144,576.4	146,369.7
UMD	8,558.7	9,061.2	9,348.4
UMF	7,870.2	8,381.3	8,584.7
WSU	89,977.5	97,085.3	98,236.6
WMU	42,840.4	45,682.9	46,728.8

Energy award

Oakland University has won an honorable mention award in the 1979 Cost Reduction Incentive competition sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers and the U.S. Steel Foundation.

The university entry was for its switching from a double-ended electrical substation to a single transformer. The change resulted in a reduction in kilowatt hours used and in elimination of a power factor penalty that would have been imposed by the utility company if the reductions had not been made. The university estimates that it saved approximately \$12,000 last year in moving to a single transformer on its substations.

Corey Van Fleet, Athletic Director, was selected to a three year term on the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Michigan American Red Cross. He represented that body at the National ARC Convention held in Kansas City. In addition, he has been appointed to the National YMCA Aquatics Council, an administrative group governing all aquatic activities conducted in the YMCA programs.

Faculty lecture, publish

Sheldon Appleton, political science, has been invited to serve a second three-year term as a member of the editorial board of the *American Journal of Political Science*, one of the leading journals in the discipline.

Philip Singer, sociology and anthropology, made his third presentation in Medical Anthropology before the Pontiac General Hospital Family Residency Training Program this week. His topic was "The Relationship Between Traditional Methods and Modern Psychiatric Modalities in the Treatment of Mental Illness."

He presented a film that he made in Nigeria on the African way of treating mental illness.

James Dawson, music, presented a paper "Ensemble Techniques" at the midwest

meeting of the North American Saxophone Alliance held at Eastern Michigan University.

On June 29th he presented the world premiere of Gregory Kostek's "Serious Developments: Music for Saxophone Quarter" at the international meeting of the World Saxophone Congress to be held at Northwestern University. Performers from throughout the world will be performing. "Serious Developments" was written specifically for and dedicated to Dawson and the Oakland University Saxophone Quarter, an ensemble formed some five years ago by Dawson.

Indra David, Kresge Library, presented a paper entitled "Professionalism in the Reference Interview" at a Workshop on Communication sponsored by the Michi-

gan Library Association and held at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing.

Virinder K. Moudgil, biological sciences, and two OU students, Gary Weekes and Judy John, were participants at two recent national conferences.

Papers presented at each conference represented work done by Moudgil in collaboration with the students. The works are "Sensitivity of Estradiol Receptors to Aurintricarboxylic Acid," delivered at the meeting of the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biologists, and "Interaction of Rat Liver Glucocorticoid Receptor with Immobilized Adenosine 5'-Triphosphate" offered at the annual meeting of the Endocrine Society.

Personnel learn about grants

Forty-two faculty members from 19 OU departments studied the techniques of writing research proposals at a Proposal Writer's Institute conducted recently by Dr. John Buskey, (University of Nebraska).

The program was sponsored by the Center for Community and Human Development (CHD).

One of CHD's primary agenda items is the promotion and support of applied research, and the institute was geared to that purpose. The sessions provided an overview of the entire grants process.

The participants were C. Franklin Sayre, art and art history; Art Griggs, Pat Proulx, and

Lynn Williams, Center for Health Sciences; Adeline Hirschfeld-Medalia, communication arts; Audrey Marriner, continuing education; Brian Dates, Continuum Center; Paul Kingstrom, economics/management; Joel Fink, Beth Segula, and Doris Sponseller, education; Helen Schwartz, English; Linda Guyotte, Kresge Library; Harvey Arnold, Louis Bragg, Curtis Chipman, mathematics; and Jack Barthel, David Jaymes, Kathryn Pigott, modern languages.

Other participants were Nadia Boulous, Nancy Kleckner, Sandy Lowery, and Pam Tisdale, nursing; Mary Witt, Oakland Health Education Program; Dolly Kefgen, and Bill

Macouley, political science; Algea Harrison, David L. Ronis, and Keith Stanovich, psychology; Barbara Biallas, and Lewis Pino, research and instructional services; William Bezdek, James Dow, Jacqueline Scherer, Richard Stamps, and Rick Zurel, sociology/anthropology; Wendell Harris, Cynthia Redwine, and Janice Wilkerson-Smith, special programs; and Maura Caruth-Selahowski, Anne C. Frey, Harvey R. Hohaus, Urban Affairs.

George Karas, University Engineer, has returned to work following major surgery and wishes to thank all of those who expressed concern and sent get well wishes to him while he was ill.

Ron Kevern has received two new titles, one university related, one of a community service nature.

The OU Board of Trustees on June 20 approved a change in title for Kevern who is now assistant dean for student services and director of career advising and placement.

At a recent meeting of the Rochester Board of Education Kevern was elected president of that body.

Retention tied to people

A four part study on retention and the implications for Oakland University has been completed by David C. Beardslee, director of the Office of Institutional Research.

Copies are available in that office in room 271 South Foundation Hall.

The study reviews research findings on retention by Beardslee and others, speculates about the meanings and implications of those findings, provides a frame of reference for the retention/-attrition issue, and concluded with some specific implications for the OU situation.

Beardslee concludes that there are no miraculous answers, but he does identify

areas of concern, areas that could help retention, if addressed.

They include 1: the obvious need to offer programs the students want; devising means of helping students accelerate their progress toward a degree and the use of internship or co-op experiences that make work part of the path toward a degree, not a "distractor;" helping the student see the "path" to the degree by providing year-ahead course schedules or sample programs that would provide course options over the four years; paying more attention to the means for student to student involvement; and a key, the provision of more student-oriented advising.

On the last point, Beardslee writes "Clearly, for all students, young and old, traditional and "new," greater opportunity to interact with faculty would lead to better perception as to how each student can maximize the fit between his personal goals and the institution's opportunities. Of course, better, more thoughtful, student-oriented advising would doubtless lead to some present students discovering that they would be better off to be elsewhere. Yet, given the present, one can be quite certain that the "net" impact would be increased retention."

Beardslee's memorandum is aptly titled — "Thinking About Retention is Thinking About People."

Academic changes

The recommendation for an acting dean and shifts in responsibilities in two other university areas are being effected during the summer session.

Lazlo J. Hetenyi, recently retired dean of the School of Education (now the School of Human and Educational Services), is being advanced for the position of acting dean of the School of Performing Arts.

The recommendation will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration on Aug. 8. If approved, it will be effective immediately, Frederick W. Obear, academic vice president and provost, said.

Obear said Hetenyi would probably serve a minimum of two years and oversee the shifting of music and theatre arts programs to the school. The Department of Music has been a unit in the College of Arts and Sciences and the student theatre program has been part of the Department of

Communication Arts in that college. The dance program is now in the School of Performing Arts.

Hetenyi will provide leadership for the instructional programs in the arts including music, theatre, dance, and the summer school of the arts, Obear said.

In other changes, the Center for Community and Human Development has shifted from Urban Affairs to the provost's area. Jackie Scherer, center director, now reports to George Matthews, the vice provost.

Subject to board approval, George Catton, director of physical plant services, and Patricia Houtz, assistant vice president for student affairs, will share duties that had been performed by Ken Coffman until a permanent successor is found.

New travel rule

Robert J. McGarry, assistant vice president for business affairs and controller, has announced that effective August 1, travel advances will be deducted on travel reimbursement vouchers by the Business Office cashier. In most cases this will relieve the individual of the need to visit the Cashiers Office to pay off the advance.

In situations where the advance exceeds the reimbursement the staff member will be expected to pay the balance within two weeks.

A notice of action taken will accompany the remittance check.

It is requested that the new travel reimbursement form # 1590 be obtained from Stores and used for all reimbursement requests submitted after July 31.

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1979

CALENDAR

DAY BY DAY	WEDNESDAY JULY 25	Variety Series featuring Judy Collins	8:30 p.m., MB Music Festival, Baldwin Pavilion
	THURSDAY JULY 26	Detroit Symphony Orchestra	8:30 p.m., MB Music Festival, Baldwin Pavilion
	FRIDAY JULY 27	Cinematheque presents Joseph Losey's <i>Mr. Klein</i>	7 & 9:30 p.m., 201 DH
	SATURDAY JULY 28	OUrlook '79 Encores, Cancer Research II, OU bio-chemist, Dr. Denis Callewaert Detroit Symphony Orchestra	12:30 p.m., WPON 1460 AM 8:30 p.m., MB Music Festival, Baldwin Pavilion
	SUNDAY JULY 29	Pop Series, Detroit Symphony Pop and Anna Moffo (soprano)	7:30 p.m., MB Music Festival, Baldwin Pavilion
	THURSDAY AUGUST 2	Eliot Feld Ballet, Meadow Brook Ballet Orchestra	8:30 p.m., MB Music Festival, Baldwin Pavilion
	FRIDAY AUGUST 3	Film Festival, <i>A Hero Ain't Nothin' But A Sandwich</i>	
	SATURDAY AUGUST 4	Conference, "Education and Career Transition" OUrlook '79 Encores, Female Alcoholism Eliot Feld Ballet, Meadow Brook Ballet Orchestra	8:30-5:00 p.m., Ctr. for General and Career Studies, Varner Hall 12:30 p.m., WPON 1460 AM 8:30 p.m., MB Music Festival, Baldwin Pavilion
	SUNDAY AUGUST 5	Pop Series, Fred Waring Show	7:30 p.m., MB Music Festival, Baldwin Pavilion

For news of daily campus events, call the OU Hotline at 377-4650. To list items in the calendar contact CIPO 377-2020, two weeks prior to the event.