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Cuts of \$1.4 million under consideration

President Joseph E. Champagne is considering University Budget Committee recommendations that would trim approximately \$1.4 million from the 1981-82 budget.

But he stressed the fact that no instructional program would be closed or significantly reduced under the budget committee proposals.

These proposed cuts, if accepted by the president and the board of trustees, would reduce an estimated \$3.6 million deficit in next year's budget. The remaining deficit could be covered through further budget cuts, higher tuition rates and/or increased state appropriations.

The proposed budget restores temporary budget reductions (e.g. moratoria on filling vacant positions, travel, and equipment purchases) which were imposed during 1980-81 to produce a balanced budget.

The proposed budget also provides \$650,000 to cover inflationary costs and other mandated items, such as increased computer maintenance. Provisions have also been made for compensation adjustments for university employees.

In addition, \$289,000 is included for funding new high priority program needs. These include:

- a development office.
- O'Dowd Hall operations.
- new word processing units for O'Dowd and Varner Halls.
- a staff attorney.
- a cable television office.
- general fund support for the Continuum Center.
- additional student financial aid of \$77,000.

The budget assumes an enrollment for the next year not to exceed (9,700 FYES).

A summary of the proposed budget reductions follows:

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS
(BY OPERATING DIVISION)**

(note: items over \$20,000 are listed individually. In addition, the percentage figure listed with each division is the percent of expenditure base reduction the division would incur if the cuts are implemented).

Academic Affairs (1.9%)

● Eliminate the Conference Department	\$ 37,781
● Merge Center for Community and Human Development with Career Advising and Placement	37,962
● Reduce Tutoring Staff and Operating Support in Special Services	26,624
● Reduce Operating Support for Credit Extension and School Services	35,000
● Eliminate Administrative Structure of the Center for General and Career Studies and assign programs to other academic units	161,862
● Reduce Advising Staff in School of Human and Educational Services	29,064
● Merge Graduate School and Department of Research and Instructional Services	20,996
● Close Office of Veterans Affairs and transfer function to other appropriate offices	24,833
● All Other (10 proposals)	<u>120,700</u>
Academic Affairs Total	\$517,822

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees (1.2%)

● Miscellaneous Cuts	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Total	\$ 2,000

Business Affairs (3.1%)

● Defer Filling Staff Auditor Position for One Year	\$ 23,025
● All Other (seven proposals)	<u>74,945</u>
Business Affairs Total	\$ 97,970

Campus Affairs (4.8%)

● Reduce Auxiliary Account Balances	\$ 20,300
● Eliminate Air Conditioning for Summer, 1981	118,000
● All Other (five proposals)	<u>64,684</u>
Campus Affairs Total	\$202,984

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34 full-time-equivalent jobs could go

Meadow Brook Hall (3.0%)

● Reduce Meadow Brook Hall operations	<u>\$ 31,900</u>
Meadow Brook Hall Total	\$ 31,900

Public Relations and Information Services (1.9%)

● Miscellaneous Cuts (five proposals)	<u>\$ 35,152</u>
Public Relations Total	\$ 35,152

Special Projects and Cultural Affairs (1.7%)

● Restructure financing of Meadow Brook Art Gallery to increase revenues from fees, exhibit sponsorship, and subsidy from Meadow Brook Theatre	<u>\$ 48,000</u>
Cultural Affairs Total	\$ 48,000

Student Life (3.9%)

● Allocate attributed expenses to Residence Halls	\$161,700
● Reduce Athletic Budgets	28,600
● Savings Resulting from Changing Academic Calendar to start classes after Labor Day	40,000
● All Other (seven proposals)	<u>37,757</u>
Student Life Total	\$268,057

Urban Affairs (3.3%)

● Layoff Labor Relations Manager	\$ 20,042
● All Other (three proposals)	<u>13,200</u>
Urban Affairs Total	\$ 33,242

All Divisions

● Switch to University administered Workers' Compensation	\$133,423
● Eliminate Vice-President for Student Affairs Position	33,000
● All Other	<u>9,466</u>
All Division Total	\$175,889
Grand Total	\$1,413,016*

*Includes some miscellaneous revenue proposals but does not include any proposals related to student tuition and fees.

Thirty-four full-time equivalent positions are affected by the cuts recommended by the budget committee. Of these, 12.8 are administrative-professional, 3.0 are academic administrator positions, 16.2 are clerical/technical positions, and two are hourly positions. However, a significant number of the affected positions will not be subjected to the layoff of personnel:

- approximately 10.5 positions are, or will soon be, vacant.
 - 4-5 positions will be redefined to perform other functions.
 - several positions will experience a reduction in hours rather than be eliminated.
 - several affected AP employees and most affected CT employees may exercise "bumping" rights.
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