



Thursday, November 4, 2004

Board hears proposed budget plans

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Bill Rogers of the Golf and Learning Center outlined a proposed operating budget for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007. Rogers indicated that inclement weather had a negative affect on golf course use this past summer. Part of the proposed budget calls for increased greens fees for both the R & S Sharf and Katke-Cousins courses.

Tom LeMarbe, director of Budget and Financial Planning, presented the proposed 2005-2006 operating budget to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Management and Budget. The proposal calls for a request of \$9.6 million to support Oakland University's continued enrollment growth and its distinctive undergraduate experience.

Interim Director of Meadow Brook Hall Geoff Upward presented a proposed operating budget for the hall for fiscal year 2005. The budget is predicated on a new business plan that will reposition Meadow Brook Hall as a cultural center and public museum for the university and community.

Vice President for University Relations Sue Goepp presented a brief overview of the public phase of OU's capital campaign, which will kick off on Founders' Day, April 22, 2005.

Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder outlined a new agreement with Credit Union ONE that will provide an on-campus credit union branch, several automated teller machines and a SpiritCard that also will be used as an ATM card.

Energy Manager James Leidel presented a proposal to continue contracting the university's electrical supply from an alternative supplier as long as it remains economically viable.

President Gary Russi presented the September Employee of the Month, Chris Chamberlain, a network engineer in the University Technical Services Department.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil singled out two professors for faculty recognition: Dick Goody, assistant professor of art and director of Meadow Brook Art Gallery, and James Hansen, associate professor in the Department of Counseling.

The next **Board of Trustees** meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. in Elliott Hall Auditorium.

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