

OU budget gets tentative OK

By KAREN SUE HERMES

Oakland University trustees have adopted a preliminary 1980-81 general fund budget based on a projected 4.7 percent increase in state appropriations.

"However, they don't actually expect to get more than a 2 to 2.5 percent increase and actually may get a decrease.

"Life goes on," said OU Budget Director Ray T. Harris. "We had to have a (spending) plan. The students are here (in the dorms) and school starts in just a few days (Wednesday).

"The only thing on the books is 4.7 percent - the amount the State senate recommended before it adjourned."

The state House and Gov. William G. Milliken are likely to come up with their own recommendations, Harris said.

A final decision won't come before September, when the Michigan legislature reconvenes, and may not come before the Nov. 4 general election.

"We've heard we actually may get less than we did last year," Harris said. "We've heard we may get as much as a three percent cut.

"But their best feeling in Lansing is that what will finally come out is a 2 to 2.5 percent increase."

The university would be "overjoyed" with a 4.7 percent in-

crease in its state appropriations, Harris said, but with contingency plans is "fully prepared" to operate with no increase over last year.

THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET, which is retroactive to July 1, totals \$31.4 million in revenue, a 7.5 percent increase over last year, and \$32 million in expenditures, an 11.6 percent increase.

Although expenditures total \$652,788 over revenues, university trustees will carry over a \$904,378 fund balance from last year. If expenses go as planned, that will leave university trustees with a \$251,590 fund balance at the close of this year.

University trustees hiked tuition and fees May 22, increasing student-generated revenue for 1980-81 by \$1.2 million to \$9.5 million.

A freshman or sophomore living in Michigan now will pay \$30.25 per credit hour at Oakland; a junior or senior living in Michigan will pay \$32. Last year, every in-state students paid \$27.25.

State appropriations and tuition make up 94.6 percent of the university's revenue.

Most of the 11.6 percent increase in the university's expenditures will go toward paying salary and fringe benefit increases negotiated with the university's unionized staff, Harris said.

SALARY AND FRINGE benefit increases will total \$1.2 million this year, he said.

The university also expects to hire 20 additional part- and full-time faculty members and support personnel, at a cost of \$690,000, to accommodate an expected 279 more students this year.

The university plans to add three new master's degree programs — in nursing, movement sciences and liberal studies — and a new certificate program in education.

There will be little or no start-up costs, however, for those programs, Harris said. "We're simply repackaging what we've already got."

In addition, the university will open a new building, the Jan and Don O'Dowd Hall, which is expected to cost \$150,000 to operate for nine months and \$50,000 to move into.

Construction problems, however, have delayed completion of the hall.

A 11-member committee spent six months working on the preliminary budget, Harris said. It found more than \$1.2 million to cut from last year's expenditures without cutting programs or laying off employees.

University officials made most of those cuts last month.

Panel to hear auto slump woes

A congressional task force will hear from a number of midwestern governors and mayors on the effects of the auto industry slump at a 10 a.m. hearing Tuesday in the City-County Building's 13th floor auditorium in downtown Detroit.

Lt. Gov. James Brickley and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young are among the scheduled speakers. The task force was formed in July by U.S.

Rep. William Brodhead, D-Detroit, and Rep. Elwood Hillis, an Indiana Republican. A panel of up to 15 members of congress will hear testimony Tuesday.

A second hearing has been scheduled for Sept. 8 in Washington. The panel will hear from auto industry and United Auto Workers representatives at that hearing.

'CanSurmount' now available

The American Cancer Society is offering a new support service to cancer patients who are hospitalized or homebound.

The CanSurmount Visitation Program is designed for persons who are unable to attend community self-help groups, but who have the need to talk with other cancer patients.

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Originated in Denver in 1976, the CanSurmount concept is a means of alleviating social isolation and helping patients make the necessary adjustments to cope with the disease.

Patients or family members who would like to avail themselves of this service should contact the American Cancer Society at 557-5353, extension 19.

Volunteer visitors are also needed.

OCC fall registration

Registration for Oakland Community College's fall semester will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 2-4.

Classes begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 5.

An alphabetical schedule will be followed for registration.

For information, call one of the OCC campuses: Orchard Ridge, Farmington Hills, 476-9400; Southfield, 538-1252; South-east, Royal Oak, 548-5595; Highland Lakes, Union Lake, 363-9171; and Auburn Hills, Auburn Heights, 652-1000.

Lessons for engineers

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