

UM-D asks 24 percent state aid boost; tuition up

The University of Michigan-Dearborn will ask the state of Michigan for an increase of \$2.4 million in operating funds and \$3.8 million in capital construction funds for the 1983-84 fiscal year.

The request was approved by the UM Board of Regents and will be forwarded to the state for review.

In the operating funding request, UM-D will ask for a 24-percent increase in 1983-84. The campus is scheduled to receive \$10.1 million in state appropriations in 1982-83.

"UM-DEARBORN accepts fully its partnership with the state of Michigan for providing quality higher education," Chancellor William A. Jenkins told regents.

"Evidence of this acceptance is found in the extraordinary exigency measures taken by the campus during the period of the state's financial difficulties when resources were reduced," he added.

Student tuition has been increased by 37 percent in the past two years, with students now paying 46 percent of the cost of their education.

In addition, the UM-D chancellor noted that the campus has reduced its base budget by \$1 million, including the elimination of 44 faculty and staff positions.

U-M closes retardation institute

University of Michigan Board of Regents has approved the closure of the university's Institute for the Study of Mental Retardation and Related Disabilities (ISMRRD).

B. E. Frye, U-M vice president for academic affairs, said, "the institute has played an important role and has served its clients in significant ways."

"Unfortunately, a number of circumstances have brought us to the point where the institute does not now excel in the three areas of teaching, research, or service, and it does not have a strong claim to a central role that might support an argument for its continuation or expansion." ISMRRD was established in 1967.

Frye said, "The university's five-year plan has, as its aim, the reallocation (over five years) of \$20 million toward our highest academic priorities. We can only hope to allocate the necessary resources to these high priority needs if we are willing to question the size, and in some cases even the existence, of the activities in which we are now engaged."

Economies have also been effected in campus services, energy savings and reducing the number of hours of certain campus buildings.

"AFTER TWO VERY grueling years of downsizing, slimming-down, contracting, squeezing, penny-pinching, haggling over expenditures, competing for resources, hoping for relief which did not appear, looking for succor which was never given, the campus turns to its partner, the state of Michigan, and requests that a new set of concepts be promulgated," said Jenkins.

The chancellor outlined to regents the basic elements of the request, including:

- A modest, planned program expansion in high technology.
- Movement in the direction of adequate faculty and staff salaries.
- Advances rather than retreats from materials, equipment and services essential to effective teaching and research.
- Strengthening "the heart" of the campus, the library.
- More nearly normal support for operating three not-so-new structures.

The request includes \$215,000 for high technology programs, termed by the chancellor as "critical" in aiding the state in revitalizing its industrial base.

Funding would provide the campus with needed resources for two programs: a manufacturing engineering program (currently funded in part on Ford Motor Co. Fund gift money), and improving the campus's production/operations management program. The latter program was designed with the advice of industrial representatives to enhance performance in the operation and control of production systems in manufacturing.

A TOTAL OF \$180,000 is requested to effect a long-range recovery program for the library's book and periodical budget. Over the past three years this budget, said Jenkins, has been reduced 85 percent. "It would be impossible to maintain a strong or even adequate library under these conditions for a longer time," he added.

UM-D is also seeking \$407,000 from the state to fund the operating costs of three buildings, all constructed within the last four years. The state has appropriated a portion of an initial request of \$537,000 for maintenance and utilities of these facilities.

A total of \$1,225,000 is earmarked for a faculty and staff salary and benefit program which Jenkins termed "crucial in maintaining quality."

THE UM-D chief executive officer pointed out to regents that an American Association of University Professors study of faculty salaries for institutions of comparable size and complexity placed UM-D ninth among its peer schools.

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