

Schoolcraft Hikes Fall Tuition \$1

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The faculty wants to cut out six "area directors," but the board, after a closed-door meeting, renewed the contracts of the six.

A tuition hike amounting to \$1 per credit hour for in-district Schoolcraft College students will go into effect next fall as a result of unanimous board action last week.

The Board of Trustees voted 8-0 with little discussion to hike tuition from \$10 per credit for in-district students to \$11, from \$20 to \$22 per credit for non-residents, and from \$30 to \$33 per credit for out-of-state students.

Full time students will end up paying \$12 more a semester or \$24 for the year (full time is 12 credits a semester). But the average number of credit hours taken by a student is nine so the increase will be roughly \$9 per semester for in-district students.

Full time non-residents will pay \$48 more a year and out-

of state students about \$36 a year.

THE HIKE is expected to net the college \$170,500 in additional revenue next year, according to President C. Nelson Grote.

Explaining that the tuition boost is "one of the few variables available to us," and that in-district tuition hadn't been increased since 1968, Dr. Grote advocated the increase.

Asked by a student why other alternatives were not taken before passing the burden on to the students, Dr. Grote said, "We are talking about hundreds of thousands

of dollars of adjusting that must be done."

"The magnitude of the problem is tremendous. At the moment, the needs as reflected by the budget requests are between \$500,000 and \$600,000," Dr. Grote said emphasizing that other alternatives are being investigated to balance rising costs.

A BUDGET review submitted to the board in February by the faculty gave several suggestions on cutting expenses. The main recommendation was to eliminate six administrative positions worth \$200,000.

It appears unlikely that recommendation will be acted on this year because the board voted to renew the contracts of the administrators involved after an "executive" (closed-door) session during the meeting.

A study session the previous week gave faculty and administrators alike the opportunity to air opinions on the middle management positions that would be eliminated under the faculty recommendation.

During the study session, it was evident that administrators were in favor of retaining the positions while

faculty who were present were generally opposed.

BUT WHEN the board discussed administrative contracts, it went into a so-called "executive" session. Afterwards the board came into public session to renew contracts for the six administrators involved as well as the entire level of middle management.

In addition to raising tuition, the college has the alternative of asking for a millage increase. But a September 1971 millage request of one mill was rejected 2 to 1 by voters.

The college currently levies 1.77 mills (\$1.77 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation) for operating and .55 mills for debt retirement.

The only other alternative for getting more revenue for the coming school year is an increase in appropriations

from the State Legislature. Dr. Grote recently appeared before the Senate Ap-

SC Proposed State Aid Told

Based on a projected full time student enrollment of 4,000 students, Gov. Milliken has recommended that Schoolcraft College get a state appropriation of \$2.78 million next year, according to Rep. Marvin Stempien (D-Livonia).

The final recommendation will not be known until later in the year, Stempien added.

The college's appropriation for March totaled \$207,500.

Programs are funded according to their costs. Stempien said the college receives \$600 for each liberal arts and

proportions Committee to answer questions on the projected budget.

business student, \$788 for each vocational-technical student and \$846 for each health student.

Items Needed

MacArthur School PTA will hold a white elephant sale, Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. A bake sale will be held on the same day in the school gym.

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