

'Nobody likes it'

Possible OU tuition increase divides trustees

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Oakland University trustees are divided over how high the latest tuition increase should be.

Presented with a tuition and fee schedule last week that included an undergraduate tuition increase from \$24.25 to \$96 per credit hour, trustee Larry Chunovich and board chairman James Sharp Jr. objected.

The "no" votes of Chunovich and Sharp were enough to torpedo the tuition because three members of the eight-member board were absent, leaving just three trustees to vote "yes." (Five "yes" votes were needed for approval.)

Another meeting is scheduled for 8 a.m. Monday in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center. Trustees are expected to vote again on the tuition increase.

University President Sandra Packard has ordered a hiring

freeze and a moratorium on new equipment purchases pending the tuition decision.

At last week's meeting, trustees Andrea Fischer, Rex Schlaybaugh Jr., and Howard Sims were absent for the vote. Voting in favor of the tuition and fee schedule were trustees David Handelman, Stephan Sharf and David Fischer.

The administration proposal also includes the following:

- Higher tuition for juniors and seniors, from \$97.50 to \$105.50 per credit hour.

- Higher tuition for graduate students, from \$164 to \$178.50 per credit hour.

- Higher tuition for non-Michigan residents.

- A higher general services fee, from \$91 to \$100.

- A higher competency credit exam fee, from \$45 to \$50.

Few remaining fees were changed, and one was eliminated.

Students who take classes off-campus will no longer pay an additional fee if the administration plan is approved.

Trustee Andrea Fischer, who is running for University of Michigan regent, said she will probably support the administration plan, although "nobody likes to vote for a tuition increase."

She faults Chunovich for grandstanding. "Larry Chunovich decided to make a political speech instead of doing what he's done for the last seven years," she said, noting that Chunovich has voted in favor of past tuition increases.

Chunovich has been on the OU board since 1987. His term expires in August and he's expected

to leave the board then. Chunovich attended a funeral Tuesday and did not return the Observer & Eccentric's calls by press time.

Paul Bissonnette, the university's chief financial officer, defended the proposed tuition increase. He noted that in the recent past OU has lagged behind most other Michigan universities in tuition increases.

In the 10 years between 1984 and 1994 OU tuition rose 83.1 percent, according to the Michigan Department of Management and Budget. Of the 15 state universities in Michigan, only Northern Michigan University (81.3 percent), Saginaw Valley State

University (77.6 percent) and Wayne State University (66 percent) had lower a tuition increase over the same 10 years.

Lagging behind the pack has "slowly but surely eroded our capability to fund our programs adequately," Bissonnette said.

Today Oakland has the 11th lowest tuition among the 15 universities.

Three state universities have already approved tuition increases for 1994-95. They are Michigan State University, Ferris State University and Lake Superior State University. The remaining universities are expected to raise tuition before the end of July.

Universities throughout the state have been squeezed by falling subsidies from state government over the last several years. Although the latest state subsidy to OU is up 2.26 percent, or \$822,000 (the first such increase in three years), it doesn't quite cover losses from inflation.

OU administrators, Bissonnette said, have cut \$3 million from the budget in three years, but it's not easy to cut further because salaries are 80 percent of the \$72-million budget. Most of those salaries are for teachers, who are unionized and have annual pay raises built into their contracts. Many of the other OU employees are unionized, too.

Talk show host camps out for food bank

Former Detroit rock radio disk jockey and talk show host Bob Bauer is soliciting donations from area concert goers to the Food Bank of Oakland County.

Currently the resource development director of the Food Bank, Bauer will live in a tent at Pine Knob June 25 to July 1. He is asking patrons of Pine Knob that week to bring canned goods with them to donate. Appeals will be broadcast on radio station

'I got some of my best friends together; Uncle Teddly, 'CSX, my buddies at Pine Knob and Moosejaw Mountaineering and reminded them that folks are hungry year round, let's do something.'

Bob Bauer

WCSX-FM.

Bauer will also solicit food donations Saturday, July 2, at the

Ted Nugent Hunters Bash at the Jackson County Fairgrounds.

"I got some of my best friends together; Uncle Teddly, 'CSX, my buddies at Pine Knob and Moosejaw Mountaineering and remind-

ed them that folks are hungry year round, let's do something," Bauer said in a press release. "This is going to be loads of fun and it'll help feed people. So come on down and live it up with us and take care of your neighbors in the process."

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