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Student fees to increase by expected three percent

The UM Board of Curators voted Jan. 29 to increase undergraduate educational fees three percent, as was recommended in December. UM President Manuel Pacheco said the fee increases "maintain the Board's commitment, following five years of significant and programmed increases in educational fees, to limit further increases to the cost of inflation, as measured by the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI)."

The increase approved by the curators is equal to the projected HEPI for 1998-99. As a result, the charge per credit hour for University of Missouri System undergraduates will increase by \$3.70, from \$124.80 to \$128.50. Similar percentage increases also were approved for graduate and professional programs, with two exceptions.

Educational fees for the doctorate in pharmacy program at UM-Kansas City will increase by 15.6 percent, to defray the cost of shifting to a new professional degree, which calls for changes in the curriculum. Pharmacy students will now graduate with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Students in the Master of Laws (LL.M) degree program at UMKC will pay 20.1 percent more in fees, which will cover a higher percentage of the program costs — a percentage that is more nearly comparable with that paid by students in the Juris Doctor degree program.

The Board also approved a \$35 per-credit-hour supplemental course fee for students in health related professions at UM-Columbia. These are "relatively expensive programs that need a larger fraction of their costs offset by student fees," Pacheco said. The instructional computing fee charged to all students also was raised \$1 per credit hour to \$8, to expand the number of computers in instructional labs and increase the hours of lab operation.

The Board also approved increases in most room and board charges for each of the campuses, to cover higher operating costs and changes in levels of service provided to students. The cost of selected room and board plans was reduced at UM-St. Louis. Increases in student activity, facility and health service fees requested by each campus also received approval from the curators.

Governor's state budget outline 'encouraging' for UM, Pacheco says

Governor Mel Carnahan's Jan. 21 state budget recommendations to the General Assembly for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, "included encouraging news for the University of Missouri System," according to UM President Manuel T. Pacheco.

Pacheco detailed the Governor's recommendations for the Curators at their Jan. 29 meeting on the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Governor's Recommendations FY 1999 Operating Budget

Current (FY 1998) Appropriation	\$364,357,930
Inflationary Increase	4,619,547
Mission Enhancement	15,000,000
Maintenance and Repair	947,258
TOTAL	\$394,924,735

The Governor recommended additional operating funds that would protect the University of Missouri from the costs of inflation and he recommended funding for the full \$15 million in first-year Mission Enhancement efforts recommended by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, Pacheco said. Carnahan also recommended a total of more than \$50 million for capital improvements throughout the UM System.

The Governor proposed an inflationary increase of \$14.6 million to UM's existing appropriation of nearly \$364.4 million. With the \$15-million Mission Enhancement recommendation and a proposed \$947,258 for maintenance and repair, the University's recurring budget would grow 8.4% to nearly \$395 million. (See following chart.)

The \$15-million recommendation, for the University's first year of a four-year Mission Enhancement cycle, includes \$4 million in recurring funds for the Endowed Chairs and Professorships matching fund program.

Pacheco noted that the matching fund program for endowed positions more than doubles the impact of each private endowment established for that purpose. The remaining \$11 million in Mission Enhancement funding, like the Endowed Chairs program, will support improvements in teaching, strengthen research and provide greater access and service on the part of the University of Missouri, he said.

Governor Carnahan also recommended approximately \$2.4 million in inflationary increases for other programs at the University of Missouri, including MOREnet, University Hospital and Clinics, Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, the Missouri Rehabilitation Center (in Mount Vernon), Alzheimer's Research, the Missouri Kidney Program, Mid-Missouri Mental Health and the State Historical Society. He recommended an additional \$5.7 million for improvements to MOREnet, an Internet access service operated by the University of Missouri for the benefit of schools and other public institutions throughout the state.

The Governor also recommended capital appropriations totaling more than \$50.6 million for projects on all four of the University's campuses. (See following chart.)

"The Governor's recommendations for the University of Missouri are very good," Pacheco said, "and I will do my best, in continuing visits with lawmakers and appearances at House and Senate budget hearings, to seek legislative support for them."

Governor's Recommendations FY 1999 Capital Improvements

Townsend Hall (UMC)	\$ 2,500,000
Business and Public Admin. (UMC)	6,000,000
Engineering Equipment (UMC)	400,000
Dental School Renovation (UMKC)	13,100,000
Butler-Carlton (UMR)	5,500,000
Communication Arts (UMSL)	23,116,000
TOTAL	\$50,616,000

New Board President Ted Beckett names 1998 priorities



Theodore C. Beckett



Paul T. Combs

At its December meeting, the UM Board of Curators elected Theodore C. Beckett of Kansas City as its president for 1998. Beckett, who was appointed to the board in 1995, received a bachelor of science degree in business administration (accounting) in 1950, and a Juris Doctor degree in 1957, both from UM-Columbia. He is managing partner of the law firm of Beckett, Lolli & Bartunek.

Curator Paul Combs was elected vice president of the Board. He earned a bachelor of science degree in accountancy from UM-Columbia in 1987.

At his first meeting as Board president Jan. 29 in St. Louis, Beckett handed out praise and set priorities. He listed mission enhancement and the administrative systems project as two primary concerns of the board of curators for 1998.

"We want the University of Missouri to be in the very top ranks of our nation's universities," Beckett said. "With mission enhancement we are beginning a cycle that could influence our state's prosperity and pride."

Beckett said the University's effort to improve its administrative systems is "a monumental project we must complete to move it into the next century."

Beckett praised 1997 Board President Malaika Horne noting, "you brought this board together," and said 1998 Vice President Paul Combs of Kennett would have a heavy workload this year. "When I recognize talent I put it to work," Beckett said.

Also at the Jan. 29 meeting, UM curators approved Beckett's proposed Board committee chairs and members for 1998, as follows: **Executive Committee** — Paul T. Combs, chair, Theodore C. Beckett, Malaika B. Horne and Hugh E. Stephenson, Jr., M.D., members; **Academic Affairs Committee** — Hugh E. Stephenson, Jr., M.D., chair, Adam B. Fischer and Mary S. Gillespie, members, Ex Officio, Sarah Welch, student representative to the Board; **Finance Committee** — Paul W. Steele, chair, Paul T. Combs and Fred L. Hall, Jr., members; **Physical Facilities Committee** — John A. Mathes, chair, Paul T. Combs and Adam B. Fischer, members; **Resources and Planning Committee** — Malaika B. Horne, chair, Mary S. Gillespie and Paul W. Steele, members. **University Hospital and Health Sciences Committee** — Hugh E. Stephenson, Jr., M.D., chair, Fred L. Hall, Jr., and John A. Mathes, members.

Research Board awards \$2 million

The University of Missouri Research Board, a panel of 18 faculty members, has awarded \$2 million to support 61 research projects across the University's four campuses.

Researchers from the four UM campuses filed 159 requests for grants in October 1997, totaling \$6.3 million. About 38 percent of the requests were granted.

The board granted 11 engineering requests for a total of \$450,581; seven in humanities and fine arts for \$97,891; nine in life sciences for \$360,832; 18 in physical sciences and mathematics for \$516,277; and 16 in social and behavioral sciences for \$606,782.

The Research Board is aided by a system of peer reviewers in selecting projects. The board has established a network of UM experts in each discipline, and they address specific criteria in evaluating a request. The board then considers the recommendations of the reviewers.

Scott Decker, professor of criminology at UM-St. Louis, is chairman of the board. The other members represent a variety of academic disciplines.

UM Research Board October 1997 Awards

UM-Columbia

John Bowders, Civil Engineering, \$30,000

Edward Brent, Sociology, \$43,242

John Budd, School of Information Science and Learning, \$28,180

Meera Chandrasekhar, Physics, \$40,800

Carmen Chicone, Mathematics, \$11,040

Nelson Cowan, Psychology, \$44,108

Jere Francis, Accountancy, \$14,700

H. Allen Garverick, Animal Science, \$45,640

Paul Germann, Curriculum & Instruction, \$43,329

Victoria Grando, Sinclair School of Nursing, \$30,000

Gabriele Gratton, Psychology, \$90,000

Dominic KC Ho, Electrical Engineering, \$36,000

Daniel Hooley, Classical Studies, \$22,000

Phillip Jen, Biological Sciences, \$36,944

Mark Jensen, Economics, \$25,537

Anupam Joshi, Computer Engineering/Science, \$30,815

Nigel Kalton, Mathematics, \$10,000

Robert Lawless, Law, \$9,140

Andrew Melnyk, Philosophy, \$21,546

Laurie Mintz, Psychology, \$38,944

Stephen Montgomery-Smith, Mathematics, \$14,700

KC Morrison, Political Science, \$39,564

William Nunnally, Electrical Engineering, \$41,000

Lizette Peterson-Homer, Psychology, \$42,927

Thomas Phillips, Biological Sciences, \$50,000

Ronald Ratti, Economics, \$21,600

James Rhyne, Physics & Astronomy, \$25,980

Francis Schmidt, Biochemistry, \$39,650

Yi Shang, Computer Engineering/Science, \$28,888

Kennon Sheldon, Psychology, \$36,660

Marjorie Skubic, Computer Engineering & Computer Science, \$47,072

Albert Sun, Pharmacology, \$50,000

Jianguo (Tony) Sun, Statistics, \$11,664

Roger Sunde, Nutritional Sciences, \$25,263

Haskell Taub, Physics & Astronomy, \$34,000

Kenneth Troske, Economics, \$50,000

Michael Ugarte, Romance Languages, \$1,000

Michael Underwood, Geological Sciences, \$26,518

David Wakefield, History, \$40,000

Barbara Wood, Music, \$20,750

David Wood, Political Science, \$38,851

UM-Kansas City

Michelle Boisseau, English, \$17,315

Bruce Bubacz, Philosophy, \$13,992

Michael Kruger, Physics, \$24,760

Gayle Levy, Foreign Language & Literature, \$1,288

Thomas Sandreczki, Chemistry, \$15,360

William Thomas, Molecular Biology &
Biochemistry, \$49,525

UM-Rolla

Craig Adams, Civil Engineering, \$49,080

Frank Blum, Chemistry, \$130,000

Richard Brow, Ceramic Engineering, \$30,000

Mariesa Crow, Electrical Engineering, \$90,380

Jay Gregg, Geology & Geophysics, \$12,450

Clifton Merrow, Chemistry, \$35,033

Halvard Nystrom, Engineering Management, \$27,996

Steven Pekarek, Electrical Engineering, \$39,350

James Stoffer, Chemistry, \$50,000

Gerald Wilemski, Physics, \$20,371

David Wronkiewicz, Geology/Geophysics, \$10,525

UM-St. Louis

James Hunt, Biology, \$33,810

Vasudevan Lakshminarayanan, Optometry, \$16,796

Jacob Leventhal, Physics, \$26,280

UMSL junior is new student rep.

Gov. Mel Carnahan named UM-St. Louis junior Sarah Welch the new student representative to the UM Board of Curators. Welch, who also attended UM-Columbia from 1995 to 1997, is majoring in English and Psychology. She was as a tutor for the University YMCA for one year and a site leader for the Alternative Spring Break program. She graduated from Ladue Horton Watkins High School in Ladue. Her appointment awaits Senate confirmation.

Searches under way for two UM vice presidents

University of Missouri President Manuel Pacheco says the University has engaged the executive search firm, Korn/Ferry International, to handle the process currently underway to find a new UM Vice President for Finance and Administration, a vacancy created when Jim McGill left the position of Executive Vice President to become senior vice president at Johns Hopkins University Jan. 1.

Pacheco also has solicited and received names from each campus and University Outreach to serve on a search committee for UM Vice President for Academic Affairs, the position formerly held by Richard Wallace, who is now chancellor of UM-Columbia. He said the members of the search committee will be announced soon.