

Appropriations request OK'd

At a July 27 meeting, the Board of Curators approved UM's 1980-81 state appropriations request for operations and capital improvements as presented by President James C. Olson.

As proposed, the total UM system budget will be funded by a state appropriations increase of approximately \$24 million, and an increase of about \$7.3 million in other UM-generated income including reallocations to be made by campuses and other system units.

Major features of the proposed UM appropriations request for 1980-81 include:

- a recommended salary and wage adjustment of 10.6 percent and the staff benefits associated with such an adjustment;
- a 7.5 percent student fee increase to help defray the projected increased cost of education;
- a 7.5 percent adjustment for general expense and equipment funding to accommodate inflation, exclusive of fuel and utilities;
- a 10 percent adjustment for anticipated extraordinary cost increase for fuel and utilities;
- A few highly selected program improvements to be funded through increased state appropriations.

Preliminary plans call for a request of more than \$174.7 million in state appropriations and \$78.2 million in non-state funds for a total budget of more than \$252.9 million for operations.

The proposed appropriations request for UM operations includes the following general categories: improvement of instructional programs

(more than \$2 million); library improvements (more than \$1.6 million); agricultural related research programs (\$475,200); health professions including nursing (more than \$1.1 million); academic program development (\$584,571); professional programs—medicine and law (\$167,057); research responsive to societal problems (\$475,948); family farm development program (\$300,000); special equipment (\$1.4 million); and labor studies (\$250,000).

Other segments of the budget include a proposed capital improvements appropriations request of more than \$33.9 million. Also, tentative plans for the UMC Hospital include more than \$13.6 million in state appropriations and about \$38 million in non-state funds for operations, and more than \$2.8 million in appropriations for capital improvements.

The proposed appropriations request for UM capital improvements includes the following general categories: physical plant preservation (more than \$3.9 million); physical plant improvements (more than \$7.6 million); energy conservation (\$904,000); handicap compliance (more than \$2.7 million); and new construction (more than \$18.6 million).

In addition, UM plans to ask for state appropriations of more than \$2.2 million for the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry (an increase of \$211,000); more than \$2.3 million for the Missouri Kidney Program (an increase of \$113,279) and \$460,966 for the State Historical Society (an increase of \$73,769).

contribution rates for employees, based on the plan enrolled in, follows (with the old rate in parenthesis):

\$50 deductible plan: employee only, \$10.84 (\$9.42); employee, child or children, \$14.57 (\$12.67); employee and spouse, \$23.05 (\$20.04); and employee, spouse, child or children, \$27.68 (\$24.08).

\$200 deductible plan: employee only, \$7.55 (\$6.57); employee, child or children, \$10.10 (\$8.78); employee and spouse, \$15.62 (\$13.58) and employee, spouse, child or children, \$18.21 (\$15.84).

Mr. Reese emphasized that the increased rates are tied strictly to rising health care costs, and are in no way related to the fact that a new company will take over the processing of employees' medical benefits claims in November.

Medical benefit rates set

Because of rising costs in medical services, the Board of Curators on July 27 approved a 15 percent increase in contributions to the UM employees' medical benefits plan.

Michael O. Reese, UM system manager of staff benefits, said the total rate increase is needed from a combination of both employees and UM to meet the continued rise in health care costs.

Mr. Reese said the increases would go into effect Oct. 1. The increases will be reflected in September paychecks for employees paid monthly and in the second September paycheck for those paid twice monthly.

The UM medical benefits program is funded on a ratio of contributions amounting to about one-third by employees and two-thirds by UM. A comparison of the new monthly

Accounting system approved

The Board of Curators at its July 27 meeting approved the purchase of a package accounting system for the UM system.

Information Associates Inc., of Rochester, N.Y., was selected by the

study committee as the most qualified supplier. Total cost is \$151,300. The decision to purchase the IAI system was made after studying the accounting requirements at each campus and at UMca.



Stig Friberg

Curators honor UMR's Friberg

Stig Friberg, a UMR professor of chemistry, was named a Curators' Professor at the July 27 meeting of the Board of Curators.

This is the first Curators' Professorship awarded to a member of the UMR faculty since the program was established in 1968. These professorships are given to outstanding scholars who have distinguished reputations in their academic fields.

A native of Sweden, Dr. Friberg came to UMR in 1976. He received his academic degrees from the University of Stockholm. He served as the first director of the Swedish Institute for Surface Chemistry until joining the UMR faculty. In 1974 he was selected as the youngest person ever to be a member of the Swedish Royal Academy for Engineering Science.

Benefit program amended

The Board of Curators has approved changes in three UM employee staff benefits programs. They are:

- The medical benefits plan was amended to cover services in connection with voluntary sterilization procedures. These services are defined as tubal ligations and vasectomies only.
- The long term disability plan was amended to include the following paragraph:

"If it has been determined that a claimant is no longer totally disabled, the claimant has 180 days to furnish proof of that person's continued total disability. A claimant who furnishes

proof of continued disability within 180 days will be eligible for benefits from the date the claimant was determined to be continuously disabled."

The effect of this amendment is to set a time limit for proof of disability after the employee has received notification of discontinuance of benefits. There previously was no established time limit for this.

- The Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co. will administer UM's self-funded medical benefits program beginning Nov. 1. The firm will succeed Bloomquist, Batte and Campbell as administrator of UM medical benefits claims.

Bid option kept

An item in the July 5 issue of *Spectrum* stated that bids no longer will be required on purchases of supplies and equipment by UM when the amount is under \$500.

This is incorrect in that bids still will be taken when the purchasing department determines that bids would result in a cost savings to the University. The full text of the policy change, as approved by the Board of Curators on June 29, reads:

"In all purchases of supplies and equipment where the amount involved is less than \$500, and when no savings or no advantage would accrue to the University from the solicitation of bids, the same may be purchased without soliciting bids."

The amount was raised from \$200 by the curators to accommodate inflation.

Mileage rate upped

The vehicle mileage reimbursement rate was raised from 15 cents to 17 cents per mile in a recent decision by the University Cabinet.

The 17 cents per mile rate for privately-owned vehicles is effective Aug. 1. The cabinet noted that the General Services Administration and the Internal Revenue Service recently approved a 17 cents per mile rate.

The figure is based on a car which gets 17 miles per gallon, with gas costing 90 cents per gallon. The cabinet noted that since "we are in an era of volatile cost factors, this reimbursement rate will be re-examined at appropriate intervals."

UMSL structure changes as Walters leaves post

Chancellor Arnold B. Grobman recently announced an administrative reorganization effective Sept. 1 which "for the foreseeable future" eliminates the position of vice chancellor for community affairs. Everett Walters, who occupies the position, previously announced his intention to return to teaching in the history department.

Dr. Grobman said the position was being left vacant "in order to reduce administrative expenses." UMSL has two other vice chancellors, for academic affairs and administrative services.

Offices formerly reporting to community affairs will report either to the chancellor or to the vice chancellor for academic affairs. The reorganization also results in increased responsibilities for the dean of

student affairs and the director of university relations.

The office of student affairs will take on added responsibility for the athletic program and the women's center. The dean of student affairs will now report directly to the chancellor, a change recommended by last year's North Central accrediting report.

The vice chancellor for academic affairs will be given added responsibility for continuing education-extension, the centers for metropolitan studies and international studies, and the behavioral sciences laboratory.

Also reporting directly to the chancellor will be the office of university relations. This office will also assume responsibility for KWMU, the radio station owned and operated by UMSL.

Jobs

The following administrative, professional, and academic vacancies were listed with *Spectrum* as of July 15. Those interested in a position should contact the appropriate academic department or personnel office.

UMC: Administrative assoc. II; asst. director, public relations and promotions; chemist; computer programmer/analyst II; computer project mgr. (2); continuing education coordinator; athletic promotions coordinator; student financial aids coordinator; engineer, Physical Plant; exec. staff asst. III; fiscal analyst; health program specialist; information specialist; mgr. food service-residence halls; production supervisor—KOMU-TV; research specialist (6); scientific programmer/analyst I; scientific programmer/analyst II; sr. accountant; sr. information specialist; sr. research specialist; sr. systems analyst; supervisor, business services; staff nurse, medicine and nephrology; student services coordinator/counselor; systems analyst; instructors, nursing; intensive English program; computer science and extension; radiology; special education; asst. professors, agronomy; forestry/fisheries/wildlife;

management (2); veterinary anatomy-physiology; veterinary medicine and surgery; veterinary microbiology; veterinary pathology (2); medicine, hematology, and medical oncology; associate professors, child and family development; nursing graduate program (5); veterinary medicine and surgery; professors, mechanical and aerospace engineering; veterinary anatomy-physiology; veterinary pathology; medicine-gastroenterology; law; research associate, entomology; UMca: Asst. director, administrative and user services; directors, energy conservation engineering; facilities management, management systems; reference specialist; sr. personnel assoc. (2);

UMC Hospital: Chief registered medical technologist, computer programmer/analyst I (2); computer programmer/analyst II (2); computer project mgr.; director, computer center-medical center; head nurse (7); mgr. patient admissions; nurse anesthetist; pharmacist (3); registered medical technologist; sr. methods and procedures analyst; staff nurse (64); systems analyst; supervisor, patient records and accounts;

UMR: graduate intern, counseling; special services counselor; information specialist; computer programmer/analyst I; manager, housing; mgr. electronics instruction and research services; energy conservation engineer; asst. or assoc. professor, mechanical or aerospace engineering; provost; dean, College of Arts and Sciences; professor, engineering mechanics; lecturer, life sciences;

UMSL: head of collection, Jefferson Library; research aide, community affairs; visiting asst. professor, administration of justice.

UMKC: Assoc. director, counseling center; financial aid advisor; mgr., Performing Arts Center; sr. accountant.

This & That

Rusk: "Commendable"

The staff of Rusk Rehabilitation Center was commended recently by its accrediting agency for high standards of performance. In granting Rusk the maximum three-year period of accreditation, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities cited "excellent" communications between staff and the facility director, Charles R. Peterson. "The level of competence and the cooperative attitude of staff, despite the unavailability of certain essential personnel, is highly commendable," the accrediting report said.

Four-day week wins praise

UMSL has received an honorable mention award in the 1979 Cost Reduction Incentive competition sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

The award was for UMSL's four-day week program, first adopted during the 1978 Summer Session. The schedule resulted in direct savings of \$12,000 for the university, plus a potential 20 per cent savings in gasoline expenses for students and employees.

The experimental four-day week has proved so successful that the

campus opted for the schedule during the current eight-week summer session.

The national competition, supported by the U.S. Steel Foundation, attracted 114 entries.

Bertnolli heads center

Edward C. Bertnolli has been appointed director of the UMR Graduate Engineering Center in St. Louis, effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Bertnolli, UMR electrical engineering professor, replaced Anton deS. Brasunas who is returning to teaching and extension activities at the center. The center, which is located at UMSL, is administered by UMR.

Dean Halligan cited Bertnolli's research and instructional record at Rolla, plus his experience in industry, as his qualifications for the position.

Dean Halligan to leave

Dr. James E. Halligan, dean of the UMR School of Engineering, has announced his resignation from that position, effective Aug. 15.

Dr. Halligan, who has been at UMR for the past two years, has accepted an appointment as dean of engineering at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

People

Neil D. Skilton was selected as one of nine outstanding young geologists by the Geological Society of America. Dr. Skilton was cited for his doctoral research at UMC.

Theodore Tarkow, UMC associate professor of classical studies, is the new director of the UMC Honors College. He was acting director of the Honors College for the 1977-78 academic year.

Gordon Brown was appointed director of the health services management program for the UMC School of Health Related Professions. Dr. Brown was head of health planning and administration program at Pennsylvania State University.

Charles Larson was named chairperson of the UMSL English department.

Robert Calsyn was named chairperson of UMSL's psychology department.

Barbara Batterson Henderson was named manager of constituent relations at UMSL.

Rainer Steinhoff was named general manager of KWMU-FM, the fine arts radio station of UMSL. Mr. Steinhoff joined the station in 1977, and was named general manager after a 10-month search that attracted 71 candidates.

Joe Marks, professor and news director for the UMC College of Agriculture, was named winner of the Media Award of Excellence in Press by the Agricultural Communicators in Education.

Robert Marshall, UMC professor of food science and nutrition, was elected to the board of directors of the American Dairy Science Association.

Karl Nolph, director of the division of nephrology and professor of medicine at the UMC School of Medicine, was an invited guest lecturer at the annual meeting of the European Dialysis and Transplant Association in the Netherlands.

Burns Hegler is doing his part for energy. The UMR professor of electrical engineering submitted a slogan to the Department of Energy, which accepted it. The catchy phrase? "Energy Losers Loose."

Michael Patrick, UMR associate professor of English, is serving as a national consultant to the newly created Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi. The center is supported by a \$300,000 development grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Ruth Jones, UMSL associate professor of political science, was a member of the 15-person delegation which observed the recent European Community Parliamentary elections.

Elizabeth Clayton, associate professor of economics at UMSL, recently returned from Belgium, where she presented an invited paper on the Soviet Union at a NATO meeting.

Elizabeth Watson, UMSL associate professor of education, was elected president of the Missouri Council for the Social Studies, the state affiliate of the National Council for the Social Studies.

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