

State board approves University budget

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The State Board of Higher Education took its first steps along a financial tight-rope Friday — a tightrope that the board expects will become even more precarious during the 1982-83 school year.

Unlike tight-budget years of the past, this year the board advances without a net — the padding is gone after preceding years of underfunding and budget cuts.

Working within the budget's constraints, the board approved budgets for each higher education institution, approved an academic salary adjustment proposal and approved residence hall and food service charges.

In his opening comments, Chancellor Roy Lieuallen said that he considers higher education's 1981-83 budget "much less than a minimum level budget."

But if nothing goes wrong, higher education institutions should be able to avoid financial exigency — the first step

necessary to lay off tenured faculty, he said.

"Isn't it strange that we get our solace from the fact that we have avoided bankruptcy?"

The budget came too late to allow careful planning to effect program reductions or limit enrollments in the coming year, he said, which means the eight higher education institutions may be "serving more students and clientele than may be desirable within anticipated resources."

But Lieuallen left no doubt that "substantial" program and enrollment reductions will be necessary in the 1982-83 school year to meet a budget that is projected to fall short by "several million."

He directed university presidents to begin to review programs and identify areas to be trimmed. Included in program reductions will be the necessity of laying off tenured faculty, he said.

Although the Legislature appropriated higher education funds for each of the two years of the biennium, it placed only

\$1 in some of the second year's accounts, so a definite 1982-83 higher education budget will not be available until the Legislature reconvenes sometime during the spring.

The two-year budget contains two "land mines" that could further damage the higher education budget, Lieuallen said — the possibilities that revenue or tuition income might fall short.

The budget is built on the assumption that higher education will receive certain revenues from areas other than the general fund — but those estimates have been optimistically high all along, he said.

For example, income would "drop sharply" if a predicted decrease in nonresident enrollment and increase in resident enrollment takes place, Lieuallen said.

The University's share of the \$236 million 1981-82 budget is \$58,037,902, compared to a 1980-81 budget of about \$54 million. Of the eight higher education institutions, only Oregon State University, which received \$66.5 million, has a

larger budget than the University.

The board adopted a faculty salary recommendation that allows an average adjustment of 5.3 percent at the beginning of the year and 4 percent on May 1, 1983, which will yield a compounded average increase of 16.083 percent.

The board said that the cash used for salary increases is not to exceed 6 percent during 1981-82 and 6.36 during 1982-83. Although the board left it up to each institution to determine individual faculty raises, it said that all faculty members performing "adequately" — as determined by department heads — must receive part of an across-the-board raise.

The board deleted a clause that stated merit raises could be waived for 1981-82, relying instead on a previous policy that provides for merit adjustments at the discretion of administrators.

Room and board rates will increase 11.5 percent at the University. The cost for a standard, multiple-resident dormitory room will increase from \$1,740 to \$1,940 and single rooms will increase from \$2,262 to \$2,522.

Home to be rec center, expert says

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Americans in the 1980s will be shifting their leisure interests from community recreation to home activities, a leisure studies expert said Thursday.

Dr. H. Douglas Sessoms, chair of the Department of Recreation at the University of North Carolina, said leisure time activities will become more decentralized in the coming decade due to technological advances and demographic changes.

Speaking at a seminar on contemporary leisure concerns, Sessoms said technological advances in items such as home video will cause people to spend their leisure hours at home rather than in community-related activities.

"The home may become the number one recreation center."

For example, Sessoms said he foresees the widespread use of television-computer hookups that will allow people to select from a wide range of information channels, and give them the ability to communicate with others.

"No longer do people need to wait for information — it is always continuous," Sessoms said. "The television is becoming more than a baby sitter. People will communicate through the electronic medium rather than through mass interaction."

With the growth of cable TV and home movie extras like "Showtime," Sessoms said he wouldn't be surprised to see a drop in attendance at movie theaters and sports events in the near future.

In addition, the advent of the videodisk will enable people to stay at home and learn how to do everything from playing the guitar to baking bread, he said.

"The videodisk will put the participant in the director's seat."

Sessoms also noted that demographic changes will shift the emphasis on leisure activities from youths to adults. Leisure interests are starting to reflect the fact that the 25 to 45-year-old group is now the dominant



Photo by Bill Wack

Dr. H. Douglas Sessoms looks on as youngsters enjoy video games at the EMU Rec Center.

sector of our population, he said.

According to Sessoms, adults seem to enjoy home-centered quasi-work hobbies such as gardening and crafts to fill their leisure time. The great number of "how to do it" magazines on the market today reflect that change, he said.

Finally, Sessoms said that high fuel prices and energy shortages during this decade will force people to stay home to have fun. The emphasis on activities like power boating and Recreation Vehicle camping is becoming an outdated form of entertainment, he said.

Lieuallen says he will resign

Chancellor Roy Lieuallen announced his resignation Friday, two decades after assuming the position in which he has directed, guided and pleaded for higher education in Oregon.

Lieuallen will resign on June 30, 1982 — one year ahead of the date that he originally had told the State Board of Higher Education that he would resign.

OSBHE Pres. Ed Harms, commenting on Lieuallen's resignation, said that Lieuallen has had a "higher impact on higher education in Oregon than any other person."

Lieuallen, who turns 65 this month, said he decided to speed up the transition to a new chancellor and not wait until the end of the biennium to resign, as he originally had planned.

However, he stressed that he will "continue as executive officer, both in fact and in name, until 1982."

The resignation should not be considered retirement, said the veteran educator who began his administrative career in Oregon 35 years ago.

After receiving a doctorate degree from Stanford, Lieuallen first joined the state system of education in 1946 as registrar at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth — now Western Oregon State College. He became president of OCE in 1955, leaving to become chancellor in 1961.

Charles Duncan, an emeritus journalism professor at the University, already has agreed to be a half-time coordinator for the search for a new chancellor, according to Lieuallen.

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