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University programs listed for cuts

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The initial reaction of most University faculty to a list of "programs to be considered for elimination," was one of faith in the University administration.

Along with this reaction came criticism of the Chancellor's office for what law school dean Derrick Bell called "arbitrary and capricious action."

The list, in its original content, called for the elimination of two professional schools, four departments and a reduction in the business administration school's enrollment. After the initial announcement, the word "reduction" was penciled in so that the statement read "elimination or reduction."

The schools and departments targeted are community service and public affairs, the law school, marine biology, the masters programs in urban planning, counseling psychology, educational media and the business administration enrollment.

The "list" was first introduced at Wednesday's University Assembly meeting. Olum said that the information was released because "too many people knew about it." It was first reported in Thursday's edition of the *Emerald*.

The department heads and deans of the schools listed, had varying reactions ranging from acceptance to anger. Most are upset.

"It will be a terrible thing to do to the students," said Ken Tollenar, dean of the CSPA school.

"Sure I'm worried," said Tollenar, "No, scratch worried, I'm disappointed that the chancellor's office didn't have any prior knowledge — they didn't specify, they listed general criteria in their reasoning for the cuts.

"I am completely in the dark as to what CSPA is duplicating. There's no other CSPA system west of the Mississippi."



Derrick Bell

Photo by Bob Baker

Others had similar reactions. "The state board doesn't understand our program," said David Povey, head of urban planning.

The people at the law school also feel misunderstood.

"Lawyers generally aren't popular," says Bell, "Law schools aren't greatly loved, generally."

"There are three law schools in the state — only one (the University's) has a national ranking," says Bell. "I would not have come from Harvard for the other two."

"The final decision," Bell told law students at a Thursday meeting, "is mine and yours. If they close the law school today, I'll show up tomorrow."

Proposed higher ed program reductions

University of Oregon

- Institute of Marine Biology
- Bureau of Governmental Research and Service (self-support?)
- BA/BS in community service and public affairs
- MA/MS in public affairs
- MA/MS in juvenile corrections
- MA/MS in urban and regional planning
- MA/MS/MEd/DEd/PhD in counseling psychology
- basic and standard endorsements in educational media
- law school
- Reduction in business administration enrollment

Oregon State University

- BA/BS in technical journalism
- MS/EdM/EdD/PhD in college student services administration
- MD/PhD in counseling/guidance and counseling
- BA/BS in health
- BA/BS in physical education
- Basic and standard endorsements in health, language arts, physical education, social studies, and basic endorsements in music and speech correction
- EdD/PhD in general education
- Master of business administration
- MS in management science
- Reduction in undergraduate business administration enrollment

Portland State University

- Athletic training minor
- BA/BS physical education options in urban community physical education and research and college teaching
- Basic and standard endorsements in educational media
- Basic and standard endorsements in counseling
- Reduction in business administration enrollment

Western Oregon State College

- Graduate programs during regular academic year
- BA/BS in corrections
- BA/BS in law enforcement
- MA/MS in correctional administration
- Basic and standard endorsements in biology
- Basic and standard endorsements in integrated science

Basic and standard endorsements in educational media

- Joint MS in counseling program with OSU
- BA/BS in geography

Southern Oregon State College

- Graduate programs during the regular academic year
- MA/MS in general studies
- Basic and standard endorsements in educational media
- Basic and standard endorsement programs in supervision
- Standard endorsement in physical education
- Standard endorsement in health education
- MS in business administration
- BA/BS in criminology
- BA/BS in geology
- BA/BS in spanish
- BA/BS in geography
- BA/BS option in anthropology
- Reduction in business administration enrollment

Eastern Oregon State College

- Graduate programs during the regular academic year
- AS in early childhood education

Oregon Institute of Technology

- Lower division (college transfer program)
- BS in industrial management
- AAS in accounting technology
- AAS in secretarial science technology

Oregon Health Sciences University

- No cuts identified

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Olum says law school will not be eliminated

By Ann Portal
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Students and faculty in programs identified for elimination — including the law school — shouldn't get panicky, University Pres. Paul Olum said Thursday at a hastily called press conference.

Chancellor Roy Lieuallen presented a list of "programs to be considered for reduction or elimination" to all university and college presidents earlier this week. The list for the eight higher education institutions (see graphic), was prepared primarily by Clarethel Kahananui, the state system's acting vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The majority of the cuts are the price of a rollback in the \$49 tuition surcharge imposed this term. The state board has not been ordered to lower tuition yet but was asked by a Ways and Means subcommittee to prepare a list of what programs would have to be cut to absorb the tuition revenue loss.

"I would urge students in these programs not to be concerned," Olum said. "In general, we are not going to be offering up any of the programs listed there."

"I tell you — and I tell everyone — that we will not close the law school at the University of Oregon," Olum said.

Olum said he questioned the wisdom of the list, which includes some programs unique

to the state system of higher education — such as the law school and the counseling psychology program.

"This is a completely unexpected sort of thing," Olum said.

Lieuallen has asked institution presidents to give the State Board of Higher Education a list of program cuts totaling \$12 million by Feb. 28. The University's share is about \$3 million, "slightly more than our share, this time," Olum said.

The \$12 million includes \$3.5 million needed to meet higher education's share of the Legislature's recent cuts, \$6 million that would be lost if the entire tuition surcharge were eliminated for resident students next year and an "added" \$2.5 million to allow flexibility for the state board to decide what programs to cut.

Of those amounts, only the \$3.5 million cut is assured at this time.

Each institution must present a list of "program reductions and terminations" to the board, Olum said. Schools do not have to include the cuts on the list handed out, but presidents who do not include those cuts must justify why each program was left off.

He said he still supports a rollback of the tuition surcharge but added that the tuition decrease should not be achieved by eliminating programs.