After making some tough financial decisions, the university looks to January ballot for relief.

by Gaye Vandermyn

The University of Oregon has prepared for the worst—a cumulative $10.7 million budget cut in this biennium’s budget—while hoping for better budget news from the voters in January. If voters reject the Legislature’s income tax surcharge measure in January, the UO will lose $6.5 million in budgeted state general funds. Almost overlooked in most worried public discussions about the threatened $6.5 million cut is that the UO already has swallowed a bitter budget pill of $4.2 million in cuts this biennium. That cut was the UO’s share of a $50 million slash in the Oregon University System budget enacted earlier to help balance the state budget.

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~ JOHN MOSELEY
Senior Vice President and Provost

A worsening economy has dramatically reduced state tax revenues. Even deeper cuts could come if an anticipated shortfall arrives in the November state revenue forecast. OUS Chancellor Richard Jarvis this fall asked all seven campuses to prepare a budget cut plan and a plan for finding a way to bring in revenue to offset the damage cuts this size will do to Oregon’s public colleges and universities.

“We concluded it was not possible to make a $6.5 million cut in the last quarter of the biennium and maintain an appropriate level of services to students,” said Provost John Moseley, senior vice president.

“Making a $6.5 million cut in the final quarter has four times the impact—or the equivalent of a $26 million cut in administration, programs and services over a biennium.”

“The good news is that UO students have agreed to a plan to protect the academic budget from about $4 million of the additional cuts,” says Moseley. “Students would pay a temporary tuition increase of more than 10 percent, about $10 more per credit hour, if the ballot fails and the state also fails to find a way to salvage the higher education budget. Funds raised from this tuition surcharge would be used first to protect courses and programs, and second to protect other student services and instructional support. Their winter quarter tuition bills will include the surcharge with a note that it won’t be due until March 1. If voters rescue the state budget in the January vote or the Legislature acts to remove the cuts, that surcharge could be canceled.

“The UO’s highest ever enrollment total—20,044—also means a bump in tuition revenue that we can use to help academic units respond to the enrollment surge—our only recourse since the state provided no additional funding for our increase of more than 1,000 students,” Moseley adds.

Nonacademic units, however, have no protection from additional cuts.

“We have a moral obligation to honor our contract with students to get the education they came for and to make sure that they can graduate on time,” points out Frances Dyke, UO budget director. “The budget will be balanced by leaving positions vacant, reducing the size of planned pay raises, using $2 million in reserves, making $500,000 in permanent cuts and making one-time cuts.”

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UO Budget Director

“All contract obligations for scheduled increases for classified staff and GTFs will be honored,” says Moseley. “Decisions about unclassified pay increases, however, can’t be made before we know more about what the real impact is likely to be based on the November revenue forecast, the January ballot and any mitigating measures that might be taken by the state or OUS.”

Gaye Vandermyn is Editor in Chief of Inside Oregon.

Property Sale Nets Almost $22 Million for Foundation

The UO Foundation’s next Capital Campaign got a big boost from a recent Portland real estate sale. Ione Plaza, a 15-story apartment complex near Portland State University, which Security Properties had donated to the Foundation, was purchased by Aqua Investors Fund V for $21.75 million.

Grant to Curb Violence Against Campus Women

The ASUO Women’s Center and UO Office of Student Life have received a $186,359 grant to expand campus programs to reduce violence against women. With the 2002 Department of Justice Violence Against Women Office Grant, Student Life and the ASUO Women’s Center over the next two years will cooperate with several campus programs, student groups and community agencies. For details, contact Sheryl Eyster, Student Life, 6-1156, or Lisa Foisy, ASUO Women’s Center, 6-0640.

OAs Elect Council Members

Officers of Administration voted to select three new OA Council members, Annie Bentz, director of Conflict Resolution Services, and Todd Lundgren, assistant to the associate vice president for International Programs, will join the council for the first time with Donna Winitzky, assistant to the EMU director, who was elected to a second term. For details, see <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~oa/index.html>.

Media, Design Workshop Set

Media Relations and University Publications are offering a free “how-to” workshop on media releases and graphic identity. No advance sign-up is needed for the two-hour workshop at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 15, in the EMU Fir Room. Participants will learn about the new publications job intake system and more. For details, call Media Relations, 6-3134, or Publications, 6-5396.
Faculty research and scholarship earn record external funding amounts.

by Gaye Vandermyn

New contract and grant awards for UO faculty research broke all previous records last year, rising to about $75 million—a 25 percent jump from the prior fiscal year.

“This was an unprecedented success in attracting external support for faculty research and scholarship,” says Rich Linton, vice president for research and graduate studies and dean of the Graduate School. “That success equates to an average of $120,000 per tenured or tenure-track faculty member.”

Linton says the faculty’s great success is good news in lean budget times, but notes that budget cuts could challenge the UO’s ability to continue strong support of the research program.

“The increasing success in external funding is creating additional demands on the UO to support its research mission, including such issues as faculty recruitment and retention, research administrative support, research facilities needs, and graduate education,” Linton explains. “This is of special concern during a time of decreasing state support for higher education. For example, for FY 02-03 there is a 20 percent cut in direct state appropriations to the Oregon University System for research that impacts a number of UO centers and institutes, ranging from the sciences to humanities. Although the cut represents less than one percent of the UO research budget, such state funds are important in sustaining the infrastructure to compete successfully for non-state dollars. We are committed to seeking a restoration and enhancement of state support for research as Oregon’s economic conditions improve.”

In a letter to the deans last month, Linton encouraged them to address research priorities as they bring forward ideas for activities and initiatives for consideration in the next UO fund-raising campaign. Units such as centers and institutes reporting to the VP for Research will have the opportunity to submit suggested research priorities directly to Linton’s office, he explained in a meeting with center and institutes heads on Friday.

Further details on research-related activities can be accessed via the newly designed UO research portal at <http://research.uoregon.edu/>.

Gaye Vandermyn is Editor in Chief of Inside Oregon.

Reports of Some Campus-Area Crimes Increase

Campus safety: Better awareness, enforcement spur rise in liquor, drug, sex offense reports.

Recently released crime statistics for the UO area in 1999-2001 show upward trends in certain crimes—including forcible sex offenses and liquor and drug law violations—but the Department of Public Safety (DPS) attributes some of the increases to stricter enforcement, better reporting and off-campus incidents.

“We believe the University of Oregon is a safe campus,” says Tom Hicks, DPS associate director. “We continue to have rates of violent crime that are lower than the surrounding community...”

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The statistics are part of an annual DPS report that includes data for the previous three years on certain crimes reported on or near campus. Each of 13 types of crime is broken down by the number of reported incidents on campus, in on-campus residential facilities, in non-campus buildings and property, and on public property within or adjacent to campus.

Hicks points to stricter enforcement by the Eugene Police for a rise in arrests for liquor law violations in non-campus buildings (from six in 2000 to 42 in 2001). He says an added DPS presence in UO residence halls is behind an upsurge in drug arrests, which overall went from 28 in 1999 to 105 in 2001. Some crimes, such as burglary, showed a decline on campus (from 43 in 1999 to 27 in 2001) but an increase in non-campus buildings (from four in 2000 to 13 in 2001). Similarly, overall liquor law violations actually decreased from 198 in 2000 to 190 in 2001 despite the increase in off-campus arrests.

UO Foundation Adopts New Strategic Plan

Board’s priorities include more support to university for fundraising, marketing.

by Ann Mack

More than 65 current, former and emeritus trustees of the University of Oregon Foundation converged on campus Oct. 23–26 to participate in their fall board meeting and UO Homecoming festivities.

During the meeting, the board adopted a new strategic plan to improve support for the UO in areas such as public and private funding and communications and marketing efforts.

The board, led this year by President Dan Giustina ’72, MBA ’74, also re-experienced their college days by having dinner in the residence halls with UO students, attending classes, participating in University Convocation, and watching the UO-USC football game.

The full Foundation board meets three times a year, with extra committee meetings and conference calls scheduled between meetings. Selected for their professional expertise and support of the university, board members—most of them UO alumni—are private citizens who donate their time to the Foundation and the UO.

This year, the board has 46 current and 12 emeritus members and 77 living past trustees.

A separate legal entity from the university, the Foundation is a private, nonprofit corporation that receives, records, invests and distributes funds resulting from private gifts to the UO for purposes such as scholarships, academic programs, building upgrades and faculty support. Board members oversee management of Foundation assets, set operational policies, serve as advocates for the university, and help with fundraising.

Ann Mack is director of communications for the UO Foundation.

‘Worker Bee’ Jeff Klein Coordinates 2003-03 CFD

by Dave Goldberg

Jeff Klein, this year’s UO coordinator for the State of Oregon Charitable Fund Drive, describes himself as a “worker bee” type person. His hard working attitude and outgoing personality make him a perfect match for the job.

Klein’s resume reflects his dedication to the university and community. A recent graduate of the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management master’s program in public administration, he directed Oregon Hillel from 1999–2000.

He also coordinated ASUO and PPPM internship programs.

One of his goals for the campus Charitable Fund Drive is to get people closer to the causes they are supporting. He would like to see more people take tours of some of the local agencies that benefit from the fund drive, and is encouraging departments to invite a speaker to talk about the campaign.

Klein is working with University Librarian Deborah Carver, this year’s campus CFD chair, to help organize various campaign activities. He is careful to point out that CFD is a group effort and would be impossible without the help of people such as Nancie Fadeley, who coordinated the campaign for the past six years, and the volunteer representatives from all of the individual departments and offices on campus.

“The people who benefit from the fund drive are lucky to have so many incredible people make this happen,” says Klein. “I’m sure if they could, they’d say ‘thank you.’”

Dave Goldberg is a student reporter for Inside Oregon.

Fund Drive Goes Until Nov. 22

Eight of 23 departments that have turned in Charitable Fund Drive pledges so far have matched or improved on last year’s participation. This year’s objective is 100 percent participation by Friday, Nov. 22, the deadline for submitting forms. For information, contact your department coordinator or Jeff Klein, campus CFD coordinator, 741-8500, ext. 126, or <jekle@efn.org>.

Seven Ways to Get Help in Dealing with Bad Student Behavior

1. “Dealing with Disruptive Students,” a booklet prepared by the Student Affairs Office, is available to UO faculty and staff. Call 6-6277 for a copy.

2. UO Emergency Procedures includes a section on what to do in potentially violent situations. Look for the information posted on the Department of Public Safety (DPS) website, <http://safetyweb.uoregon.edu>.

3. For help in evaluating the risk presented by an individual who exhibits threatening behavior, call the Department of Public Safety. They work closely with Human Resources during these evaluations. Call 6-5444.

4. The student conduct code forbids disruptive or abusive classroom language and behavior, threats and weapons. Reports are evaluated, investigated as appropriate and charges filed through Student Judicial Affairs. Call 6-8277.

5. The Counseling Center and Judicial Affairs Office offer presentations to faculty on “Dealing with Disruptive Students in Classrooms” and will come to department meetings to provide this presentation. Call 6-3227.

6. Staff in the Office of Student Life are available on drop-in duty to answer faculty concerns regarding students’ behavior. Go to Room 164, Oregon Hall or call 6-3216.

7. If a student is out-of-line in a class or office, the DPS will escort the student away. Call 6-5444.

People

Julia Lesage, English, is editor of the collection, Making a Difference (Rowman & Littlefield).

Glen Love, English emeritus, is the author of Practical EcoCriticism: Literature, Biology, and the Environment, accepted for publication by the University of Virginia Press.

Susan Gary, Law, is drafting legislation for a new version of the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act in her role as UMIFA reporter. UMIFA rules guide investment decision making for universities and large charitable institutions.

Joining Admissions recently were Steven Wacker, office specialist; April Piccola, processing assistant; and Erin Pursell, receptionist.

Marcy Hunt-Morse and Jenna Arbuckle recently joined Academic Advising as academic advisors.

Brett Crosse, Maria Berggren and Micah Champion joined the Registrar’s staff recently as student records specialists.

Christa Hansen became director of the American English Institute in September. She was formerly associate director of the Applied English Center at the University of Kansas where she earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Kathleen Karlyn, English, presented “Too Close for Comfort: Fathers and Daughters in Recent American Film,” at the Society for Cinema Studies, in Denver, Colo., in May.

ON THE PODIUM

ON THE MOVE

Paul Carlile, Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, has been promoted from information specialist to financial aid counselor. New employees are Sandy Knowles, records assistant, and Peter Goss (UO ‘02) and Lisa Thomas, both information specialists.

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Creative Writing Reading: Robyn Schiff, 8 p.m. EMU International Student Lounge. 6-0509.

Thursday, Nov. 21

Visiting Artist Lecture: Internationally acclaimed Dutch artist Toon Verhoef, “Contemporary Art in the Netherlands.” 7 p.m. 115 Lawrence. Bonnie Lawrence, 6-3618.

Friday, Nov. 22

Cultural Forum Performance: Margaret Cho, outrageous and naughty comedienne, performs all new material. 8 p.m. HC Silva Hall. $ 682-5000 or 6-4373. Question-and-answer session follows.

Monday, Nov. 25

GLOSS Linguistics Colloquium: Connie Dickinson, Linguistics GTF, presents an oral defense of her dissertation as part of the series, “Endangered Languages and Language Revitalization.” 2 p.m. Leona Tyler Conference Room, Chapman. 6-5923.

Continuing Events

Conference: “Peace, Justice and Civil Liberties” features national and local speakers nightly at 7 p.m. as well as day-long workshops and the Banned Films Festival (11 a.m.), and an appearance by comic David Lipman (7 p.m.) on Nov. 16. Columbia; other campus locations. $ 6-4373; <darkwing.uoregon.edu/~calendari/calendar.html>. Through Nov. 17.

Civil War Blood Drive: Faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and fans of Oregon and Oregon State can show their support for the Ducks and Beavers by donating blood to improve community blood supplies during the holiday season. The final tally of donations and winning university will be announced during the Nov. 23 Civil War football game. Schedule appointment at local blood drive sites statewide. Free. Lane Memorial Blood Bank, 484-9111; American Red Cross, 1 (800) GIVE-LIFE. Through Nov. 20.

In Brief

Nominations Sought for Undergrad Teaching Awards

The Williams Council, a body that advises the president on the stewardship of the Tom and Carol Williams Fund for Undergraduate Education, is calling for program proposals and nominations for Williams Fellowships. The Williams Fellows program recognizes outstanding teachers nominated by their colleagues with a $5,000 award given directly to the fellow to support his or her teaching. The award also provides an additional $5,000 to the department for instructional innovations coordinated by the fellow. Nomination deadline is Feb. 3. For details, call Dave Hubin, 6-3036.

Chancellor OKs Leave Day

Unclassified employees will receive the additional paid leave day before or after Christmas or New Year’s, the Chancellor’s office ruled last week. All 12-month officers of administration, instruction and research will receive eight hours of leave, prorated for part-time staff. Bargaining agreements with state officers and GCUI employees. Temporary employees do not get paid leave. The university will remain open, so time off must be scheduled to maintain services. For details, contact Linda King, Human Resources, 6-2966.

KWAX Highlights UO Arts

Many UO cultural centers are featured on KWAX’s Arts Line interview, broadcast daily at 11:55 a.m. on 91.1 FM. Tune in on the following dates for current arts information:

* Museum of Art (6-3027): Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 12, April 15, May 7
* School of Music (6-5678): Every Monday throughout the academic year
* Robinson Theater Information/6-4190, tickets/6-4363: Jan. 15, Jan. 31, Feb. 27, April 11, May 9, May 27

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Carroll Professorship Urban Studies Lecture: Christian Henriot, University of Lyon, “Shanghai at War: A Reinterpretation,” a new interpretation of Shanghai’s experiences in World War II. 4–5:30 p.m. GAL. Daniel Pope, 6-5913 or 6-4015. Reception follows.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Candidate Presentation: Michael Barron, University of Iowa director of admissions, “Balancing Access and Quality at a Public University in Times of Economic Need” as the first of three finalists for associate vice president for enrollment services. Forms available for submitting comments to search committee chair Frances Dyke. 10:30 a.m. EMU Rogue Room. 6-2007.

University Theatre: Special matinee performance of the Tony Award-winning “Chicago” is a benefit for the American Cancer Society. 2 p.m. RT; $ Don Okerson, 434-3118. Regular performances continue Nov. 22–23.

Friday, Nov. 15

Candidate Presentation: David Bouquet, Iowa State University assistant vice president for enrollment. 10:30 a.m. EMU Oak Room. See Nov. 13.

Technology Transfer Workshop: “Second Generation Technology Transfer,” co-sponsored by the UO, OSU and Hewlett Packard, features Oregon, Washington, California and North Carolina experts who will share insights on turning university research into economic development and entrepreneurial success. 1–5 p.m. OSU Memorial Union Ballroom. UO/OSU faculty free; others, Don Gerhart, 6-3176; <oregonstate.edu/research/ TechTrans2ndGenTech.html>. Networking reception follows.

Cultural Forum Concert: Bonfire Madigan, a San Francisco experimental cello ensemble, performs theatrical string chamber punk. 8 p.m. Agate Auditorium. $ 6-4373.

Cultural Forum Entertainment: “Tango Bingo” is tango, it’s bingo, it’s wacky dress-up fun. Tango instruction during the first hour by UO dance instructor Elizabeth Wartluft. Music by Mood Area 52. Bingo and prizes. 9 p.m.–1 a.m. EMU Fishbowl. Free if dressed tango style; $ if not. 6-4373.

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