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USF's 1994-95 final budget to fund academic programs

USF will translate its biggest budget increase in five years into stronger academic programs and improved services for students, President Betty Castor told faculty, staff and students at a forum detailing USF's 1995-1996 budget in the Mall Center Ballroom on June 27.

On June 16, the state Legislature approved $250.3 million for USF's "E&G" General Revenue fund, up from $233.7 million last year. That funding will be shared among USF's five campuses and the Health Sciences Center.

The majority of the $250.3 million is needed just to maintain USF's present level of services, Castor explained. However, $13.6 million of "new money" that will be used mainly for salary increases ($4.62 million), enrollment growth ($3.06 million), program enhancements ($1.42 million) and library materials ($1.17 million).

It is this funding, combined with some innovative redirections of continuing monies, that will enable us to undertake some of the new initiatives planned for the upcoming academic year," Castor said.

Interim Provost Michael Kovac went on to further explain the use of the new funds.

The $3.06 million earmarked for enrollment growth will be used to increase the number of course sections (number of multiple offerings of a single class) offered in the upcoming year and to meet student needs in high-demand areas.

"Each dean has identified the areas where we can expect increased enrollment," Kovac said.

One of the accommodations for more students will be achieved by improving distance education.

Our communications and information systems building will be outfitted with new, state-of-the-art equipment to support these efforts for our colleges, Kovac said. Distance learning allows students to take courses at area businesses, government agencies and hospitals.

Other changes include renovation to the chemistry lab to provide additional space for introductory chemistry courses and offering new sections in early childhood teacher preparation. Information systems programs through the College of Engineering will begin on several campuses and additional faculty to expand accounting, education, psychology and English programs on the St. Petersburg campus.

The bachelor's in nursing program will be reinstated on the St. Petersburg campus, and new programs in social work, history, mathematics, special education and English will be offered in Fort Myers. Additional courses in education, psychology and mathematics will be brought to Sarasota.

In addition to the new $13.6 million, the Legislature has also given USF $400,000 for its Aging Studies program.

"This is an exciting initiative that encompasses 15 departments and offers the only interdisciplinary doctoral program in Aging Studies in the nation," Kovac said.

Another $400,000 will allow the College of Education to create a network of professional development schools throughout Southwest Florida - a network that is critical to implementing the State of Florida's mission to create "high performance education," Kovac said.

And an additional $600,000 will allow USF's Marine Sciences program to strengthen its collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey, expand undergraduate and graduate programs and develop a two-way video link between the St. Petersburg and Tampa campuses.

"Now supplementing this expansion of academic programs are major changes in our library system," Kovac said.

The new $1.17 million in money that will be used for library books and materials is due to a change in the funding formula that gives USF a fairer share of the State University System's library appropriations, Kovac said.

"This new money comes at a critical time for our libraries, and will greatly help them in recovering from severe library budget cuts over the past several years," Kovac said.

Not only will it enable us to purchase new monographs and journals, this funding will allow us to invest in information in electronic formats that can be accessed from remote sites away from any of our five campuses - a substantial increase in service to students," Kovac said.

Library hours on the Tampa campus will also be expanded to remain open until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday beginning in the Fall semester.

These expanded hours will help everyone from faculty to freshman, but I think those who might appreciate it the most are our non-traditional students, many of whom attend class exclusively in the evenings and need more library time after class to support their studies," Kovac said.

Other improvements to be made to the library include allowing undergraduate students to use the interlibrary loan program and get materials from any of the nine state universities. The library will also build two new computer labs to train students, faculty and staff on the use of library and internet databases.

Chiles visits USF

Interim Provost Michael Kovac (left) and Gov. Lawton Chiles chat in President Betty Castor's conference room during a recent visit. Chiles met with USF faculty members.
Faculty Staff Notes

Electrons, appointments and Awards

Vid L. Anderson, Admissions, New Igelge, was appointed chief delegate in the Southern Association of College Admission Counselors to the Assembly of the National Association of Igelge Admission Counselors. The appointment took place at the 1994 annual conference of the Southern Association College Admission Counselors in April, Birmingham, AL.

Ilam D. Anston, Career Resource Center, was elected to the board of directors of the Hispanic Business Institute of rida, effective July 6.

Carder — during the recent “Ocean Optics XII” conference. The conference was sponsored by the Society for Optical Instrumentation Engineers and held in Bergen, Norway.

John W. Hadden, Internal Medicine, presented: “Methylisoxine monophosphate (MIMP) restores HIV-associated suppression of the proliferative responses of human lymphocytes in vitro.” “Adjuvant nonrecombinant interleukins and antimetabolites induces immune regression in head and neck cancer” and “Thymosin a1 sensitizes T lymphocytes to interleukin-2 in vitro and in vivo” during the Ninth Mediterranean Congress of Chemotherapy in Milan, Italy, June 12-17. He also presented “Thymic Endocrinology” and chaired a workshop, “Cancer Combina­tion Therapy,” during the Ninth International Symposium on Neoplasms: 1994 in Annecy, France, in May.

Abdelwahab Hechiche, Government and International Affairs, presented “Femmes, Development et Environment” in Constantinople, Turkey, in May. He also participated in the preparatory meetings of this fall’s session of the Arab—Arab University on Peace at Maison Des Sciences de l’Homme in Paris in May.

Fred Hochstaedter, Geology, presented “Insights into the Dynamic Mantle Wedge from Magnesium Basement” from Kamchatka, and “Low BE Lavaus from Mexico” during the SUBCON Conference on Catalina Island, CA, June 12-18.


Peter McKeown, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, presented “The beneficial effect of initial warm crystalloid resuscitation in six hour lung preservation” at the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplant in Venice, Italy, in March. Co-authors were Koji Moriyasu, Dimitri Novikziv and R. Tom Snow, Surgery.

Li-June Ming, Chemistry, presented “Paramagnetic lanthanide (III) ions as NMR probes for biomolecular structure and function” during the NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Nuclear Magnetic Resonance of Paramagnetic Macromolecules on June 4-8 in Sintre, Portugal.

Koji Moriyasu, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, presented “Preservation of rabbit lung function after 30 hours storage using a low potassium dextan solution” during the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplant in Venice, Italy, in March. Co-authors were Peter McKeown, Dimitri Novikziv and R. Tom Snow, Surgery.

R. Jerry Murphy, Civil Engineering & Mechanics, presented a research paper, “Evaluation of Elevation Rates in Geomembrane Double Liner Systems,” during the 97th annual meeting of the American Geophysical Union, in Cincinnati, OH, June 19-24.

Dimitri Novikziv, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, presented “Hormonal Therapy in Cardiac Surgery” at the III International Symposium on Heart Transplantation, held in May in Cordoba, Spain.

Darryl Paulson, Government and International Affairs, USF St. Petersburg, recently presented “Political Humor” to participants at a Florida Center for Teachers seminar, “Why Am I Laughing?”

Robert Potter, Chemistry, presented “Detection and Quantitative Compari­son of Low Abundance Shatin-like Isomers from Xenopus Laevis Oocytes and Eggs” during the annual meeting of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, in May in Washington, DC. Potter wrote the paper with Karl Kovacs, Chemistry, and Joseph Alsenik, Pathology.

Randall J. Rommel, Public Health, presented “Florida’s Health Care Reform — A Window to the Future” during the American College of Physician Executives’ 1994 “Perspectives in Medical Man­agement” conference in May in Washington, DC.

John W. Richmond, Music Education, presented “Beyond Aesthetics and Meaning: Ethics and the Philosophy of Music Education” at the Philosophy of Music Education International Symposium II on June 13 at the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada.


Jeffrey Ryan, Geology, with Eric Tenthorey, graduate student, presented “Petroleum of Aluminescent Luminous in the Buck Creek Ultramafic, Clay, NC,” for Regional Metamorphism and for the Origin of the Chunky Gal Complex. “Geochemical Affinities of Metavolcanic Rocks from the Mr. Rogers Formation, SW VA” with Chad Portner and David Hernandez, under­graduates, during the Southeastern section meeting of the Geological Society of America in April in Blacksburg, VA.


Reed Murtagh and Craig Linden, Radio­logy, were guest editors of the book, Neurosurgery Clinics of North America: Washington, 1994. Their contribu­tion was “Neuroimaging of Intracranial Meningiomas.”

