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SUS to Legislature: We need a raise

As Florida’s State University System (SUS) braces itself for another budget battle in the upcoming legislative session, its chief cause is obtaining faculty and staff salary increases.

Governor Lawton Chiles has proposed an increase of 21 percent, to be effective Jan. 1, 1994, for all SUS faculty and staff. The Board of Regents has added another five percent in its request in an attempt to compensate for the fact that neither faculty nor staff have received an increase in three years.

The regents have also indicated they want an earlier effective date for the cost-of-living increases.

The 1993 legislative session is scheduled to run from Feb. 2 to April 4, with legislators tackling the damage done to Florida’s finances by Hurricane Andrew in addition to continued low recession revenues.

Assistant Vice President of Government Relations Jeff Mur said Hurricane Andrew should not affect the chances of getting a pay increase.

“I think we’ll get the raise; it’s just a question of how much and when,” said Mur.

Other SUS priorities include construction funding; financial support for the Florida Institute of Oceanography; funding for the medical school from the the HRS-supported Area Health Education Center Program; and tuition waivers for public school teachers supervising interns in SUS universities.

Chiles has also proposed an increase of $31 million for enrollment growth. Mur said although this is “a good start,” the increase would only fund instruction and research, not the administrative infrastructure, support staff, libraries, or student services funding requests.

Mur discussed the issue of access versus quality of education funding.

“If Chiles’ recommendation is followed, we’ll probably again be looking at a decrease in per-student funding,” President Borkowski has been trying to get this point across in his meetings with legislators… How are we going to preserve the quality of our system while continuing to provide new slots for students?”

In the last three years, Florida’s SUS “real dollar” funding has declined by more than 25 percent, from $7,156 per student in 1989-90 to $5,327 per student in 1992-93.

On the other hand, University officials are pleased with Chiles’ proposal for funding the Major Gifts and Eminent Scholars Grant Program, which have not received funding during the last couple of years.

Under these programs, the state matches private donations to create university endowments.

“If we don’t get the money for the state matching portion, we won’t even be able to accept the private contributions,” said Mur. “It certainly would make things difficult in convincing major donors.”

Another university system priority is repairing and reversing the damage done by reductions in “cost-to-continue” funding. These cuts have affected library resources, equipment maintenance and replacement, basic supplies, and part-time employment.

“Full funding to provide current service levels must be obtained prior to funding growth or expansion,” said Mur.

Will state university tuition increases next fall? “There’s no telling,” said Mur.

Mur said United States President-Elect Bill Clinton will not likely help state-level higher education issues much in his first few months in office, which would be necessary if positive changes were to trickle down in time for the 1993-94 budget.

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Briefly

Development leave requests due Jan. 29

Letters of application for Professional Development Leaves to be awarded for the 1993-94 academic year are being accepted by the Office of the Provost. The deadline for submission of applications is Jan. 29, 1993.

Faculty/Staff Notes’ reminder

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Elections and Appointments
Constance Bowyer, Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI), was named the 1992 Employee of the Third Quarter at FMHI. Bowyer is an accountant at the FMHI business office.

Gaiatan Broutle, Languages, was appointed to the literary jury of the Prix Younervier in Cambridge, MA on Nov. 6 with French Writers Michelle Sarde and Diane de Margerie.

Mauria Gega, English, has been inducted to be listed in the Seventh Edition of the International Who’s Who in Poetry and Poet's Encyclopaedia.

Horse Gordon, Engineering, was elected as state chairman of Florida Engineers in Education at the Florida Engineering Society annual meeting.

Melvin W. James, Counselor Education, was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Clinical Sexologists.

Susan A. MacManus, Government and International Affairs, received a grant from the Institute of Public Policy to study the Florida AIDS Education Data Collection and Analysis Program.

Philip J. Motta, Biology, received a grant from the Florida State University Program for Oceanography for class trip to the Keys Marine Lab. The class surveys and identifies coral reef fishes.

Jacob Neusner, Religious Studies, received an endowed lifetime membership to the Chabad House of Cambridge University.

Virginia Roi, director, Institute of Government, William Pumper, director, Public Administration Program, and Maurice Mongkoua, Public Administration, have received a contract from Hillsborough County to conduct a study of the utilization of minority business enterprises by various county agencies. The study, conducted by the Institute of Government and the Department of Government and International Affairs, will study several agencies of Hillsborough County within the next 18 months including the Aviation Authority, Board of County Commissioners, Hallsborough Community College, the Regional Transit Authority, Hospital Authority, School Board, Port Authority and Sports Authority.

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William Katzenmeyer, Dean, College of Education, has received the Fourth Annual Outstanding Administrator Award from the United Faculty of FSU, UF chapter.

Michael D. Knox, Chairman, Community and Allied Health, Health Professions College, Health Education, has received a grant for $11,000 to develop and operate the Florida AIDS Education Data Collection and Analysis Program.

Former Chancellor Richard N. Sharpless,chair of the Foundation for Pre-Columbian Studies, was awarded a lifetime membership to the Chabad House of Cambridge University.

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Gerald H. Lander, Accounting, presented “Integrated Forensic Accounting: Issues of Interest to Attorneys” at the American Conference in Government and International Affairs, presented “Censorship: Hardships in the Race to Literacy” at the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Convention in Louisville, KY, held Nov. 14-16.

Dr. Nagi Kumar, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, presented “Estimated Breast Cancer Risk Reduction with Weight Loss: Implications in Dietetic Practice” (with Dr. David V. Schapiro, and Dr. Gary Lyman) at the annual Research Conference on Diet and Cancer, Prevention, and Treatment, American Institute of Cancer Research in McLean, VA in October.

Herald G. Landen, Accounting, presented “Integrating Forensic Accounting into the Auditing Curriculum: A Case Study” at the annual conference of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA) in Orlando in October.

Karen D. Litter, Public Health, presented “Risk Factors for Child Drownings and Near-Drownings in a West-Central Florida County” at the 175-year stable isotope record that indicates that the subtropic Pacific ocean current in the Race to Literacy at the National Council of Teachers of Spanish (NCTE) Convention in Miami in November.

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Radio producer to kick off spring Lecture Series

Semester II of the 1992-93 University of South Florida Lecture Series will begin Jan. 20 with a presentation by Scott Carrier, a producer of feature stories for public radio. Carrier’s lecture, “Listening to Culture: Radio and Documentary,” will be held from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Communication and Information Sciences (CIS) building, room 1046.

Among Carrier’s productions are “Western Horizons,” radio stories about people and places in the Intermountain West, “Artifacts of Buckminster Fuller” and “A Trip to Nepal.”

Three other lectures are scheduled in January: “Title IX—Past, Present and Future” featuring Ellen J. Vargas at 7 p.m. Jan. 25 in the Business Auditorium (College of Business Administration), room 2046, and “USF baseball ‘pros’ to golf for USF home run”.

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Past celebrities in the tournament have included current major league players Bobby Bonilla, Tom Brown-1100; “The Military’s Discrimination Against Gays” featuring Joseph Steffan at 8 p.m. Jan. 26 in the University Lecture Hall (REH 104); and “The Presidency and The Cold War” by Edward Pessen from 2-3:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in the University Lecture Hall.

Vargas is senior counsel of education and employment at the National Women’s Law Center in Washington, D.C. She will discuss Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which deals with discrimination on the basis of gender in educational programs and activities receiving or benefiting from federal financial assistance.

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