UD Trustees Meeting Summary
DAYTON, Ohio, January 20, 1984 -- The University of Dayton Board of Trustees met today on the campus, one of three full Board meetings held annually.

Among actions taken were approval of pricing changes for the next academic year and formal acceptance of the University's General Education plan. More than a dozen reports from various Trustee committees were heard.

A summary follows:

Pricing Changes

The Board of Trustees approved recommended adjustments to the University's tuition, fees, room and board rates, to take effect in the fall term of 1984. Tuition for full-time undergraduates will increase by $200 per term (9.8 percent), bringing the tuition rate to $2,250 per term. Most students enroll for two terms per year. The cost per credit hour for undergraduate courses will increase by $11 (9.8 percent) to $123. Most graduate courses will increase by $12 (9.8 percent) per credit hour to $134. Law School tuition will increase by $200 per term (7.7 percent) to $2,800.

Meal ticket prices will increase by five percent. Increases in room charges for the University's 3,500 resident students will vary, ranging from 5.4 percent to 11.8 percent.

There were also adjustments made to various other University fees.

Overall, the effect on the direct costs to a resident student will be an average increase of 8.6 percent, from $3,382 per term to $3,674 per term.

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University President, Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., indicated that the adjustments are needed in part "to attract and retain the high quality faculty and staff who are the very foundation of an academic community." According to Fitz, the budget framework being developed includes an average six percent increase in faculty and staff salaries and an increase in total compensation expenses (including benefits) of just over seven percent. "Even with these increases," Brother Fitz reported, "we do not believe that we will fully address our salary concerns. In some cases our faculty and staff are still not going to be paid salaries which are competitive. But we are also sensitive to the question of tuition costs and their effect on students and their parents."

Other anticipated University expenses which are expected to be finalized by May, are increased costs to the University of four percent for supplies and equipment, 13 percent for utilities, 12 percent for telephone service, 10 percent for library operations, (including a 20 percent increase in book and journal costs), and 15 percent for University-funded student financial aid.

The University budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees in May.

Other Actions

Seven trustees were re-elected and five new trustees were elected. Announcement of those elected will be made at a later date, following notification and confirmation of their willingness to serve.

The trustees also approved tenure recommendations for 14 faculty members to take place in 1985. At present, 64.8 percent of the University's faculty are tenured, down from a high of 65.9 percent in 1977.

Promotions in rank were granted to 25 faculty members.
The Board approved the University's General Education plan. This approval follows extensive review and approval by the University's Academic Senate and the Academic Policies and Programs Committee of the Board of Trustees. The recommendations, which will affect the basic components of the University's undergraduate curricula, are designed to assure that all undergraduate students are exposed to a certain breadth of "general" knowledge, regardless of individual academic program or "majors." The plan calls for two years of preparation. Implementation will take place with students beginning at UD in the fall of 1985.

Other announcements and reports

The Board's Facilities Committee reported progress on three major projects: a new University telephone system, a plan for future development of computer capability, and the addition of a locker room and storage area to the UD Arena. Each of these projects is in the planning stage at this time.

The Board's Finance Committee reported on the first half of fiscal year 1984, which ends June 30. The University projects revenues in excess of expenditures and transfers for 1983-84 of $157,273. The budget is $79.3 million.

The Student Affairs Committee reported its review of various Student Development initiatives, including the Alcohol Awareness Task Force, measles inoculation, and safety and security awareness.

The University Advancement Committee reported a successful 1983 Annual Support Program, with an increase of 450 alumni donors, for a participation rate of 21.3 percent. Some 6,324 alumni pledged almost $1.2 million in 1983. That's up $620,731 from 1982. Additional pledges from faculty and staff, parents, and non-alumni benefactors raised pledges to the Annual Support Program to just under $2 million.
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A gift of $300,000 from the Marianist Province of New York was announced by Brother Fitz. (See separate release.)

Second semester enrollment for the current term is down 12 undergraduate students from last January, but up 83 students from budget projections.

The University of Dayton School of Law has been granted full membership in the Association of American Law Schools, following an on-site visitation by the AALS Accreditation Committee last April and a unanimous recommendation of the UD School of Law by the Accreditation Committee and the Executive Committee of the Association. (See separate release.)

Brother Fitz, who will complete five years as UD president this August, has indicated a desire to continue for a second five year term, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. Before that action is taken, Brother Fitz has asked for a review of his presidency to date. Such a review will be conducted between now and the Board's May meeting by an 18-member committee appointed today by Board Chairman Peter H. Kuntz. Brother Fitz's performance has been reviewed at each of the Board's meetings and at each of its Executive Committee meetings during the past four and one half years.

Finally, the Board heard background informational reports on student recruitment and the Goals and Priorities Committee Report, published by the University last April. The Annual Report of the President for 1983 concluded the meeting.

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