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DAYTON, Ohio, October 19, 1984 -- One of three annual meetings of the University of Dayton Board of Trustees was held today and dealt with a number of planning and budget issues. UD Board Chairman Jesse Philips, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Philips Industries, Inc., Dayton, Ohio, conducted the meeting.

In his Annual Report of the President to the UD trustees, President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., Ph.D., commented on the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1984 and highlighted the importance of good teachers and good teaching to society and to the University of Dayton. The Annual Report (see enclosed) profiles a number of UD's finest teachers and their perspectives on a profession that has an impact on the future.

Overall, the fiscal year was a very good one for the University of Dayton. Trustee Richard F. Glennon of Dayton, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that UD again finished the fiscal year with revenues in excess of expenditures and transfers. Total revenues for 1984 were $85.4 million, up $9.7 million from last year for a 13 percent increase.

The 1984-85 operating budget begins with information from three months of the current fiscal year. Full-time undergraduate tuition revenue for the year will be over projections as a result of current enrollment figures. Short-term investment income also shows a favorable increase. If projections continue in such a favorable manner, "Most of these gains from the budget will be transferred to designated funds," stated President Fitz.
Fitz presented University goals and objectives for the coming year to the trustees. He emphasized the importance of the continued development of distinctive Honors and Scholars programs for UD, a technology transfer program for the UD Research Institute that will assist with transferring technological innovations to the industrial and commercial sectors of our community, and a long-range plan for student recruitment. Although the University has been very successful in keeping its undergraduate enrollment strong, "The goal is not to increase enrollment, but to maintain and enhance the quality of the UD student in the future," Fitz said. Other goals and objectives deal with the recruitment of new deans of Business Administration and Engineering and a new vice president for Student Development, implementation of the new General Education program, recruitment of needed faculty members in Electrical Engineering, and successful intellectual ministry to the Catholic Church.

He also discussed the University's approach to computers and indicated that UD plans to be a leader among Catholic universities in computer technology. These short- and long-range goals can be accomplished with "effective leadership and the necessary financial resources," reported Fitz. "Consequently, the success of the recently announced Campaign for the University of Dayton is also a primary goal."

Brother Joseph W. Stander, S.M., vice president for academic affairs and provost, presented an overview of faculty salaries at the University of Dayton and an analysis of issues involved in meeting the stated salary objectives of the University: attaining and maintaining competitive faculty salaries and establishing a plan for doing so which is perceived as equitable among the academic divisions.

Academic Policies and Programs Committee Chairman James J. Gilvary reported the concern of UD administrators regarding a national shortage of qualified mathematics and science teachers at the elementary and secondary school levels. Efforts are being made by the University to address the problems.
The College of Arts and Sciences is continuing to work on curricular development, including a core curriculum, and will be formulating long-range primary goals in this area.

Campus facilities and capital renovation projects are moving forward as scheduled, according to M. Daniel Henry, vice president for administration. Major projects such as the renovation of St. Joseph Hall and Zehler Hall, the UD Arena addition, the Bursar's Office in St. Mary's Hall, and microcomputer laboratories in Miriam Hall are completed or near completion. These recent renovation projects, costing over $2 million are just a part of the total campus improvement effort.

In addition, approval was given to purchase a new Northern Telecom telephone system from Ohio Bell. This plan will cost about $3 million but will significantly enhance both voice and data transmission and reduce the size of cost increases.

The search for a vice president for Student Development continues, according to Student Development Committee Chairman Senator Richard H. Finan. The nationally advertised position received 105 applications by the September 30 deadline. The Search Committee has completed its initial screening of all applicants and has contacted those remaining candidates to request letters of reference. After a second screening, interviews will be scheduled for some time in November.

The development activities of the University continue to progress very favorably according to Trustee John L. O'Grady, managing director of Salomon Brothers, Inc., New York, New York, and chairman of the Advancement Committee. Total cash gift support in September was $465,605, a healthy increase over September 1983 ($162,087). For the first three months of the 1984-85 fiscal year, the total cumulative cash support is $875,021, also an increase over the same period last year ($534,166). The Annual Support Program, which is conducted on a calendar year basis, has experienced a deadline in total cash gifts received to date ($507,150 compared to $801,191 in 1983), but there has been an increase in the number of alumni donors for the University.
Thomas T. Montiegel, UD vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, reported that the Campaign for the University of Dayton is "off to a great beginning." As announced on September 29, the goal of $38 million is believed to be the largest campaign ever conducted by a Miami Valley institution. Gift commitments of $18 million have already been obtained. Campaign Chairman Peter H. Kuntz will be making announcements soon on other major, new leadership gifts to the UD Campaign.

Other actions included the trustees' approval of earlier recommendations of the Executive Committee setting compensation for the University's executive officers and endorsing the School of Law's plans to issue a Juris Doctor degree to those individuals who graduated from the original UD Law School with an LL.B. degree.

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