

No early effect seen from economy survey

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The Governor's Operating Economy Survey report on education, if adopted by the state legislature and the Mandel administration, will have little immediate effect on students except for 5 p.m. classes, an improved student-faculty ratio and no free tuition for education majors.

The long-range effects, however, would include a slower rate of tuition and fees increases, and a better education brought about by a faculty of higher quality and more efficient use of available funds for facilities.

The report was prepared by a team of private businessmen which compiled 15 reports designed to recommend money-saving steps for agencies dependent on state funds.

Since businessmen prepared the report, most of the suggestions deal with making the business side of the University -- a bigger enterprise than most students and faculty members realize -- more efficient.

In its other reports, the economy team made recommendations to save money.

But, in the case of education, the panel "assumed that education costs will continue to increase, both in total and on a per student basis." For that reason, the proposals are designed to derive cost benefits -- getting the best use of the limited amount of money available to higher education.

Many of the suggestions try to eliminate waste through duplication of facilities and effort at the University's four campuses, the six state colleges and the 16 community colleges.

Starting at the top, the survey report suggests the University's Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges be combined into one group to oversee the overall operation of all 20 campuses. The junior colleges would remain separate.

The committee noted that under the present structure, the board of regents and the state college trustees "are forced, in effect, to compete for available funds rather than actively cooperate as the State's team in public higher education."

"The proposed board, with the ability to determine priorities and assign responsibilities, will be able to effect sound coordination, create a maximal cooperative structure and produce substantial economic benefits to Public Higher Education."

The report believes the consolidation into one board and the subsequent streamlining it would oversee, as recommended in the report, would save \$600,000 the first year in operation, and the long-range savings would total \$18.3 million.

President Elkins debunked the one board concept.

"I would be opposed to one board," Elkins said. It would be "far too much for one board to undertake the direction of the state colleges and the university. We have a workable system at the present time."

Aside from the economic benefits of one board, the committee agreed that future study would be needed to decide how best to divide up the responsibilities at lower levels (presidents, chancellors, etc.) But, the committee feels the board should still have all of the responsibilities -- academic and administrative -- and needed authority that the present groups have.

While finding many faults with the state and community colleges and the system which this campus operates in, the committee found little to complain about at the University.

"The University is being operated efficiently and effectively," the report noted. "No instances were detected where autonomy was being abused or where any state regulations were being violated."

Personnel, according to the report, is the University's biggest problem.

The committee found that turnover and absenteeism among classified personnel such as janitors averages 15 per cent. The committee suggested the possibility of subcontracting some work to outside firms if a cure for the problem cannot be found.

Elkins suggested increased salaries as the only solution.

What the committee called "non-competitive salary levels" are creating high turnover rates and recruiting difficulties in the faculty.

The panel suggested financing increased salaries through savings in other areas as suggested in the report. If nothing is done, the committee decided conditions would worsen.

The rest of the recommendations for the University involved assigned workloads in clerical jobs, computerized bookkeeping in areas now handled by hand and more efficient use of transportation.

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