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Support for budget

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

The Board of Governors voted in favour of the University of Manitoba’s $437,405,445 operating budget at its June 19 meeting.
The 2007-08 budget will be balanced and meet the university’s most pressing funding needs while maintaining the tuition freeze, vice-president (administration) Debbie McCallum said at the Board of Governors meeting.

However, in an effort to balance the budget and maintain 2006-07 levels of operation the university has had to make selective budget reductions, reallocate some funding and introduce new laboratory fees.

The budget was bolstered by a 7.2 per cent increase, or $15,642,600 in funding from the provincial government.

“The 7.2 per cent increase in the provincial grant is a significant amount of money. It’s the largest grant increase we’ve seen in over two decades,” McCallum said. However, the provincial operating grant makes up only 56 per cent of the university’s budget, the rest of the funding is drawn from tuition fees, which of course remain frozen, and other sources.

The challenge for the university in putting together the budget was that it had been seeking a 10.1 per cent increase in the provincial operating grant. It’s a figure that takes into account the fact that enrolment – and the tuition fees that go with it – is expected to drop in 2007-08 by one per cent.

The difference between the university’s 10.1 per cent increase in operating grant funding the university had requested and the actual funding increase it received from the province works out to $6,212,856. To counter that potential deficit the university will be shaving $200,000 from the Extended Education baseline budget. It is also reducing the utilities budget by $1 million based on a 2006-07 surplus and transferring a further $1.4 in utilities savings to the budget.

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CFI funds U of M research

The University of Manitoba has been awarded $713,096 in new funding by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to support two major research programs in the Faculty of Science and the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources.

One project is studying protein structures within cells so accurate drug therapies can be developed to treat diseases, while the second focuses on mineral formations to understand how various liquids act in the environment.

“This new funding will allow researchers at the University of Manitoba to turn their ideas into innovations that provide solutions to the challenges of our time,” Eliot Phillipson, president and CEO of CFI, announced last week.

“Investments like these have transformed Canada’s research landscape over the past decade and made the country a magnet for the highly skilled people upon which our future well-being depends.”

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University of Manitoba students are always making news - demonstrating the university’s impact on the community. Here’s a look at the stories and headlines that draw from line of staff and faculty impact the world around them.

University hosts marathon
June 12, 2007
The picturesque University of Manitoba Fort Garry campus once again made headlines for its role as host to the start and finish of the Manitoba Marathon. About 4,000 runners took part in the 29th annual Manitoba Marathon at 12/92.

Prentice and CBC News, twice! June 12, 2007
As the former head of the university’s Transport Institute and an expert on climate change, Prentice was placed front and center in a proposed rail line connecting the Yukon, Alaska and northern British Columbia. Five days earlier he was on point to CBC News regarding Ottawa’s no-fly list.

Students summer with RCMP
July 9, 2007
The Portage Daily Graphic
University of Manitoba students Ashley Malenkey and Patrick Ferguson were featured in a story in The Daily Graphic for their summer jobs with the RCMP. The students will remain in their studies in the fall after working for the summer lasting with the community, conducting vehicle audits, attending events and festivals and assisting the RCMP.

Royal Art Lodge
July 4, 2007
The Winnipeg Free Press, Canada
Some School of Art graduates got local and national media play recently with the opening of their summer-long exhibit at the Winnipeg Art Gal- lery (WAG). The project was organized by Art History and Visual Cultures professor Leanne Langston, Mylène Langlois, Jonathan Polebetich and Alannah Watson, along with the students who were involved in the creation of the Royal Art Lodge, an art space that quickly made it onto the international art scene after its debut in 1988. The BAG show is called where is here?"

Afghanistan
July 5, 2007
Sun Media
Paul Buteux, director and senior research fel- low of the Centre for Defence and Security Studies, spoke this week about the impact of whether or not there would be a threshold on the number of Pashtuns in Afghanistan.

Headline News

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The Bulletin is the newspaper of record at the University of Manitoba. It is published by the Public Affairs Department and is available in print and online from June to the end of July and online in August.

The Bulletin welcomes submissions from members of the university community, including students, faculty, staff and alumni. The Bulletin is sent to the editor, column, news briefs and story and photo submissions.

President makes statement on British University boycott
July 12, 2007
The full text of the statement is included below.

Two U of M teams receive CFI support
July 12, 2007
Two U of M teams have been awarded CFI funding. The teams will be part of an international project to advance a boycott of Israeli academics and Israeli institutions. The University of Manitoba is proud of its recognition of the structure and function of the proteins that play a key role in the promotion of both disease and health. This partnership between St. John’s and the University of Manitoba will be able to find their academic home within this country. The remaining funding was awarded for the University of Manitoba researchers are among the world leader in ultrasound research and nuclear medicine. It was established in 1967 to recognize the outstanding achievement. A ceremony to receive the Order of Manitoba, Canada. The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) is an independent corporation created by the Government of Canada and is designed to augment the Ozarks through the struggle of function and protein.
Projects tackle social science questions

By DALE BARBOUR

The University of Manitoba’s $1.47 million research awards received from SSHRC funds this year have tackled a range of social science questions in new and innovative ways.

The other beneficiaries of the University of Manitoba’s research whose projects received new SSHRC funding include:

- Elena Barbatu, German and Slavic studies, for an investigation into the transmission of a Tatar language by refugees in British Columbia.
- Enrico Beaudreau, French, Spanish and Italian, for his study of the role of women artists and intellectuals in the art industry.
- Edward Brumby, marketing, for his research into the role of social media in the airline industry.
- Jason Burgess, for a project cataloguing all printed glass preserved in Canada, aiming to inform new conservation methods.
- Sandra Koutzien, curriculum and teaching, for a project aimed at creating a supportive learning environment for children with special needs.
- Xiaoyun Wang, business administration, for her study on how cultural and political factors influence the success of Chinese students in Canada.
- Roberta Woodrow, nursing, for her research on the impact of health and social issues on new parents.

The opportunity to plan a large-scale event, "Meet the University of Manitoba," also received a SSHRC award.

You can be part of Orientation Days 2007

By BRIAN BOWMAN

The Bulletin welcomes: news tips, opinion pieces, events, research updates, and as vice president of the University of Manitoba.

Brian Bowman is new alumni president

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Eureka! Backing bright ideas

Smartpark’s incubator helps build new businesses

By Dale Darby

The Bulletin

Smartpark is building a community of innovators.

And now with the eureka project it’s helping ensure that the fledgling companies to grow will be one of the challenges in Smartpark.

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The Manitoba Marathon is a Bison-friendly event

BY DR. WALTER McILWRAITH

Research Promotion

"For the anatomy of a fish is intricately involved in the developmental process of how different types of fish can adapt to different environments. In this study, we have shown that the development of a fish's fin is influenced by the environmental conditions in which it grows. This finding highlights the importance of considering the environmental context in which species develop, as it may impact their fitness and survival in different environments."

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Academic Job Opportunities

Research News

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