



Bernard T. Gillis

Trustees appoint Gillis new academic vice president; Coffelt reports 3% decrease in state supplied funding

The appointment of a new academic vice president and confirmation of a June 22 report that YSU is to lose some \$690,000 in state funding highlighted the agenda of summer quarter's last trustee meeting.

The trustees officially appointed Dr. Bernard T. Gillis to the position of academic vice president. Gillis, who is presently academic vice president and provost at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, should join the ranks of YSU administrators

sometime in November.

He was chosen by a University committee composed of students, faculty, department heads and academic deans which screened 82 candidates for the position and recommended four persons as final candidates.

Gillis will be responsible for overseeing the three University colleges and four schools. He succeeds Dr. Earl E. Edgar in those duties. Edgar died last February, the result of a coronary attack. Dr. Leon Rand, dean of

graduate studies and research, has been serving as acting academic vice president.

In addition to the appointment of Gillis, the trustees heard confirmation of a June 22 unofficial report that YSU is to lose some \$690,000 in state funding.

Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, Dr. Edward Q. Moulton, indicated in his unofficial June report that the cut, a three per cent across the board decrease in funding, is the

result of a \$266 million Ohio deficit. State schools, he said, will have to absorb about \$24 million of that figure.

University President John Coffelt said the loss in funding can be absorbed by carefully planning the budget and by not filling some vacated positions. He said that student fees will not increase, but added that another three per cent cut may occur in November.

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Trustee business also included a report of record breaking summer enrollment, the highest in nine years. Summer quarter enrollment reached a record 5,929 students, including a new high of 1,390 freshmen. The largest groups were seniors and freshmen with 1,474 and 1,390 respectively.

Coffelt told the trustees "we are not sure if this is a trend, but we believe it was due, in part, to the area's economic status and the lack of available jobs for young people and young adults."

Other trustee action included final approval for the University to purchase steam heat from Youngstown Thermal Corporation (YTC). This approval provided the go-ahead for YTC to purchase Ohio Edison's North Avenue Steam Plant.

YTC has indicated that it intends to convert the Edison plant to utilize municipal waste, industrial waste and sawdust or other wood waste to produce steam heat for YSU and downtown businesses. YTC predicts that the University will save \$582,600 over a five-year period by purchasing YTC steam heat.

The University's power plant will continue its 24-hour operation under the new system, but its two boilers will be placed on standby.

Trustee business also included authorization for the Ohio Attorney General to bring suit against the Eastgate Development and Transportation Agency (EDATA), former tenant of YSU's forensic lab. EDATA, the University claims, has failed to pay YSU \$20,860 in back-rent.

Trustee Ann Isroff reported that there is reason to believe EDATA has received state funds to pay YSU for the use of the lab, but has withheld those funds.