Trustees Approve 4.3% Cost-of-Living Increase

Following the recent action of the Legislature in enacting a 4.3% cost-of-living wage increase, the Board of Trustees has voted to award such increases as provided under Chapter 300 of the Acts of 1972 and all other pertinent legislation to each officer and member of the professional staff of the University employed in whole or in part on state funds under accounts 01 and 02; also to all members of the professional staff and classified employees normally paid from other than state funds who, as determined by the President within the intent and scope of Chapter 300, providing only that--in the case of those paid from institute, grant or contract funds--the recommendation and certification of availability of funds by the principal investigator or director must be provided prior to payment of the increase.

The regular classified employees of the University on state funds are covered automatically, and do not require additional Board approval.

The increase is retroactive to the period beginning December 26, 1971. Persons joining the staff after that date at a salary rate previously fixed under authority delegated by the Trustees and those whose salary rates have previously been fixed by vote of the Trustees will not receive the salary adjustment.

Tenure

The Board of Trustees, acting on the recommendation of the campus and the President, have approved tenure appointments for 20 members of the UMass-Boston faculty. They are: Rose Abendstern, French II; Renee Arb, Art; Andrew Boelskevvy, German II; Luise Bronner, German I; Carl Cohen, Math I; Lynn Dhority, German II; Ernest Elyash, Math II; Mary Anne Ferguson, English; Robert Gelb, Chemistry; Richard Hogarty, Politics I; Herbert Kamowitz, Math I; Mary Lee Kimball, French I; Timothy McCarthy, History II; Arthur Martin, Physics; Some Mukherjee, Math I; Robert Prins, Music I; D.V.C.L.N. Rao, Physics; Louis Roberts, Theatre Arts II; Lester Segal, History II; Nicholas Tawa, Music II.
New Division of Bilingual Education Established Within OE

A new Division of Bilingual Education has been established within the Office of Education's Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education, OE announced. It will be responsible for a program which assists local educational agencies in developing and carrying out projects that meet the special educational needs of students from environments where the dominant language is other than English.

Fire Research and Safety Authorizations Bill Passes Senate

The bill that would provide authorizations for fire research and safety activities during the fiscal years 1973 through 1975, has passed the Senate. The Senate-passed measure would authorize $5 million for fiscal 1973, $9 million for 1974, and $10.5 million for 1975.

The measure would also authorize the National Bureau of Standards to use its scientific and technical personnel for part-time teaching positions at institutions of higher education without additional pay.

Bill to Develop Education Program for Gifted, Talented Children Proposed

A bill that would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to assist states and local education agencies in the development of special education programs for gifted and talented children and youth, has been introduced by Rep. Louise Hicks.

The Commissioner of Education would be authorized to make grants to states for the initiation, expansion, and improvement of programs and projects for the education of gifted and talented youngsters at the pre-school, elementary, and secondary school levels. Authorizations for these grants would be $50 million for fiscal 1973 and $60 million for 1974.

Grants and contracts would be awarded to public and private agencies and organizations for the establishment and operation of projects to identify and educate gifted and talented students, including career education, bilingual programs, programs for the handicapped, and programs for the disadvantaged. Fifteen percent of the grants to states would be for these awards.

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Colleges and universities would be eligible to receive grants from local educational agencies for programs that are concerned with the training of personnel engaged or preparing to engage in educating gifted and talented children. Grants would also be available for programs which train leadership personnel for the education of the gifted and talented. Authorizations of $15 million for fiscal 1973 and $20 million for 1974 would be for these grants.

Grants and contracts would be available to public and nonprofit private organizations for research and demonstration projects relating to the education of gifted and talented children. Projects would include research, research training, surveys, and dissemination of information. Authorizations of $14 million for fiscal 1973 and $16 million for 1974 would be for these awards.