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Board reviews bids, course offerings

The awarding of bids for major renovation work headed the agenda when the Board of Trustees met in April. Other action-information items included the financial report, the awarding of emeritus status, a report of the humanities program, and a change in ACC's intercollegiate athletic program.

Van Lare Hall will undergo extensive renovation before classes begin in September, including asbestos containment and removal in the utility tunnels

under VLH, the installation of a new boiler, a complete remodeling of the interior reception and student services area and replacement of the existing large windows with smaller aluminum frames and insulating glass. Renovations are being paid from a \$75,000 state energy grant and from funds set aside for the capital improvement program.

Put on hold is the move involving the LSC to VLH, since bids exceeded the projected budget. Specifications will be revamped and resubmitted

for bids before the next meeting.

Highlighting the financial report was the audit of student financial aid programs by the accounting firm of Young, Nethercut, and Straley, which showed ACC "in conformity," and results of the investment program initiated by Tom Brindley, Controller, that has yielded \$40,000 more in fiscal year 1990, over the previous year.

Carol Hart, former nursing instructor, James Donajkowski, former concrete technology program

director, and former Dean of External Affairs, John McCormack, were awarded emeritus status by the board upon recommendation of the Faculty Council. They will be recognized at commencement.

Sonya Titus, representing the Humanities department, presented material on new course offerings in music, art, theatre, and dance. These offerings, according to Titus, should attract the non-degree seeking students who are interested in personal growth as well as the degree-transfer student.

Upon the recommendation of Frank McCourt, athletic director, women's cross country will be replaced by women's softball in the fall. This change will keep the required number of offerings for intercollegiate competition at five with the continuation of men's and women's basketball, men's golf, and cross country.

The board will meet in regular session on May 24 at 7:30 in NRC 450.

New fees to be assessed to students

Beginning with the summer session, a new fee will be assessed to students during registration.

Currently, a \$2 per contact hour fee, called the "student athletic fee," is charged to students. It helps pay for various athletic events, scholarships, etc.

This fee will soon be changed and referred to as the "student activities fee." It is part of a concept that will allow the fee to cover a broad range of activities, including athletics, Lumberjack and Student Senate events and needs. This includes speakers and workshops, as well as dances and intramurals.

In addition, another \$3 per contact hour fee will be charged. This new fee is called a "facility maintenance fee." It was initiated by Dr. Newport and approved by the Board of Trustees. According to Newport, the funds will provide an on-going way to pay for repairs to the institution. It will now be a designated source of money.

Normally, funds for maintenance would be taken

from the college's operating fund. This new fee gives ACC the opportunity for long-range planning to secure money to meet future needs such as parking, roofing, renovations, etc.

In previous years, fees were not assessed during the summer. However, beginning with the Summer session 1990, the total \$5 per contact hour fees will be assessed up to a maximum of 21 hours taken, (also changed from a previous maximum of 15 hours).

Dr. Newport stated that even though no summer activities are held now, there are hopes for a future year-round program for students with some activity in the summer, the best time to hold activities and gain interest.

A \$10 registration fee will remain in effect as well. It is a flat fee that is also paid at registration. It covers processing and paperwork of applications.

Also put into effect is a new tuition waiver for students in leadership roles. Through a commitment by the Board of Trustees, 600

contact hour of in-district tuition will be distributed to various organizations such as athletics, the student newspaper and the Student Senate.

The waiver is offered to

provide incentive and encouragement for students to become more involved in leadership positions, such as news editor, Senate President, and other offices. Dr. Newport stated,

"leadership (here at ACC) needs to be recognized and encouraged. The scholarships help promote student participation."



Student Senate officers for 1990-91 were announced at Awards Night held on May 3. Pictured officers for the upcoming year are: Co-advisor Frank McCourt, Vice-president Brendon MacNeill, President Tracey Schulke, Student Facilities Board Rob Arnold, Student Activities Coordinator Yvette Winterstein, Sophomore Representative Robin Sherwood, Secretary Jen Dubie, and Advisor Bob Fournier. Missing: Treasurer John Parris. (for more end-of-the-year activities, see pgs. 4-5).