

Regents Roundup | June 22, 2018

Good afternoon, colleagues:

Yesterday's Board of Regents meeting was a busy one for the University of Michigan-Flint. There is a lot of good news for our campus on which to update you all.

As you probably saw from yesterday's all-campus email, we had several notable hires and a promotion approved by the Board of Regents. These include:

- Susan E. Alcock, interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs,
- Christopher M. Giordano, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs,
- Margaret M. Andrews, founding Dean of the School of Nursing,
- and Thomas A. Hemphill, the David M. French Professor.

From all of us here on campus, congratulations.

As part of a consolidated budget proposal to the Board of Regents, our [general fund budget was also approved](#) Thursday. The budget will be \$115.5 million in the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1. The current year's general fund budget is \$112.4 million.

Continuing our investments in a comprehensive strategy to transform its curriculum and associated learning environment from a student-centric perspective is the focus of our fiscal year 2019 budget.

The FY '19 budget includes a \$486-per-year increase in tuition and fees for a full-time freshman student. That brings annual tuition and fees for a first year student taking an average of 15 credit hours to \$11,820. The financial aid budget is increased by \$750,000 to offset the tuition increase.

This year's budget reflects our keen focus on our students and their education through intentional engagement, high value learning practices, and a culture of continuous improvement.

In my update to the Regents, I told them that we are currently in full swing with our recruitment and retention efforts. It's our goal to continue the positive momentum we developed in both areas starting this past fall and continue to bring the best and brightest the region has to offer to our Flint campus.

Students like UM-Flint Nurse Anesthesia student Jason Flowers, who recently took home first place in our [Business Pitch Competition](#) for his minimally-invasive, expandable endo-tracheal tube.

Jason, a student in our College of Health Sciences, worked with faculty and students from our College of Arts and Sciences' Engineering Department to develop the tube's prototype that won our School of Management's Business Pitch competition.

Not only is Jason's idea novel, but his work showcases our campus' cross-disciplinary cooperation, partnership, and engaged learning with faculty.

I also spoke of our [Radiation Therapy program](#), which recently acquired leading-edge simulation equipment for students that highlights our commitment to that type of hands-on, experiential learning.

The [Virtual Environment Radiotherapy Trainer](#), or VERT, is similar to a flight simulator for cancer treatment machines, and will help our students learn, think critically, and apply what they learn in real-world, 3D settings.

I'm proud to say that UM-Flint is one of 23 radiation therapy programs in the country to offer this technology, and the only one in the state of Michigan!

I told the Regents how proud I am of our campus' continued commitment to engaging with our Flint and Genesee County community.

Earlier this month the [University of Michigan-Flint received the 2018 Governor's Service Award for Education Service Leader](#), presented to a state institution that has exhibited outstanding community service efforts.

Nominated by the United Way, UM-Flint received the award for its commitment to service work by partnering with nonprofit organizations and sustaining multiple recurring volunteer projects.

Specifically, UM-Flint was recognized for its work in organizing the Flint Urban Safety Corps, which serves to promote safety and enhance quality of life in Flint by implementing public safety-focused interventions throughout the University Avenue Corridor. Preliminary results indicate the group was largely responsible for a 25% reduction in violent crime and 50% reduction in property crime in the area.

The award also recognized UM-Flint for its MLK National Day of Service efforts and its Alternative Spring Break program.

These are just a few highlights from yesterday's meeting. I invite you to view the full board agenda [here](#).

Thank you all, and Go Blue!

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