

COSTS | Dixon says University still a bargain despite rising costs

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every year, it will be forced to cut services and might be unable to increase staff salaries.

"Something would have to give," Rector said. "If you're unable to give reasonable salary increases, you're unable to hire the best professors. ... Then you get into, 'Is the student getting what they're paying for?'"

Dixon said that if the University was forced to cut something, she didn't know what would go first.

"We don't operate with a lot of fat," she said.

Tuition across the nation is rising faster than inflation, evidenced by the percentage increases in tuition outdistancing the Consumer Price Index, according to the report. Rector said this wouldn't be a problem in Missouri, however, because Missouri Senate Bill 389, signed into law in May, restricts tuition increases to no more than the CPI.

Rector and Dixon both said it's a good bet that tuition will increase next year, with the increase landing very close to the CPI.

Truman still is a value in Missouri because it's only slightly more expensive than the regional system, which includes the University of Central Missouri, Southeast Missouri State University and Missouri State University, Rector said.

The average cost for in-state tuition at a four-year public school in Missouri is \$6,427 — almost even with Truman's \$6,432, according to the Missouri Department of Higher Education. The average out-of-state cost is \$12,935 while Truman's out-of-state tuition is \$11,042.

The University receives about half of its funding from the state — a number staggeringly low compared to the 80 to 85 percent funding there was when Dixon was in school, she said.

Rector said January's initial increase in minimum wage also had an effect on what the University had to pay its employees, which affected tuition costs as well.

"If everyone else in town is paying a little more, we have to pay a little more to keep it competitive," Rector said.

Senior Emily Kiddoo, the student representative to the Board of Governors, said the general student body's opinion toward constantly increasing tuition costs isn't positive.

"I don't think I've ever talk-

ed to anybody that's like, 'Yeah, raise my tuition some more,'" Kiddoo said. "It hits you right in the pocketbook when you get that bill, and it's hard not to be upset."

Kiddoo said more-involved students probably notice more return on their tuition dollars.

"I think if you see personal improvement in something you're in, like if you see higher quality in the classrooms here than you see somewhere else, or if you see a new benefit coming to your program, then I think you can relate that to tuition costs a lot easier than if you're just going to class and paying the bill," she said.

Kiddoo said that although it's disappointing to hear Truman is more expensive than the national average, she gives credit to the University for keeping costs lower than several other Missouri schools, including the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"I think they try really hard here to keep the cost down," she said.

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Emily Kiddoo
Student Representative to the Board of Governors

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"If they're not in good standing with the University, then any national organization will question the risk involved," Tuttle said of hosting events with groups that are suspended from campus.

"We needed to determine what we were going to do as Greek organizations in this community," PHC President Senior Erika Wolf said.

PHC created a disciplinary policy Oct. 4 after researching and voting on the issue, she said. She said the sororities each had democratic votes to adopt the policy. Wolf declined to comment as to whether any sorority voted against the policy.

"There was going to be no option for an individual sorority to make their own decision if it were to go away from what the other sororities were doing because that would only hurt us if we didn't stand together," she said.

The University's Greek community typically takes a common stance on issues such as this one, Wolf said. If IFC addresses an issue

for all the fraternities and sororities, then PHC and NPHC carefully will consider adopting the policy themselves, she said. PHC's decision was not based solely on the letter from IFC, Wolf said. PHC and NPHC likely will soon make official amendments to their constitutions based on the policy, she said.

According to a statement from NPHC president Tiffany Johnson and Laura Bates, program coordinator for Multicultural Affairs, NPHC does not sponsor or collaborate with organizations that are not recognized by the University. NPHC's executive board and general council said individuals may interact with unrecognized groups on a non-organizational level, according to the statement.

The policy created by PHC does not directly address AKL

as an organization, Wolf said.

The policy will help the Greek community to address future issues similar to this one, Wolf said. It coincides with the community's goal to support University administrative decisions, she said.

PHC sent a letter notifying AKL of its decision not to associate with suspended organizations, Wolf said.

President of AKL junior Ryan Parks said he knew IFC was planning to send a letter to PHC and NPHC after attending the meetings. He said he understands such policies are based on liability issues, he said.

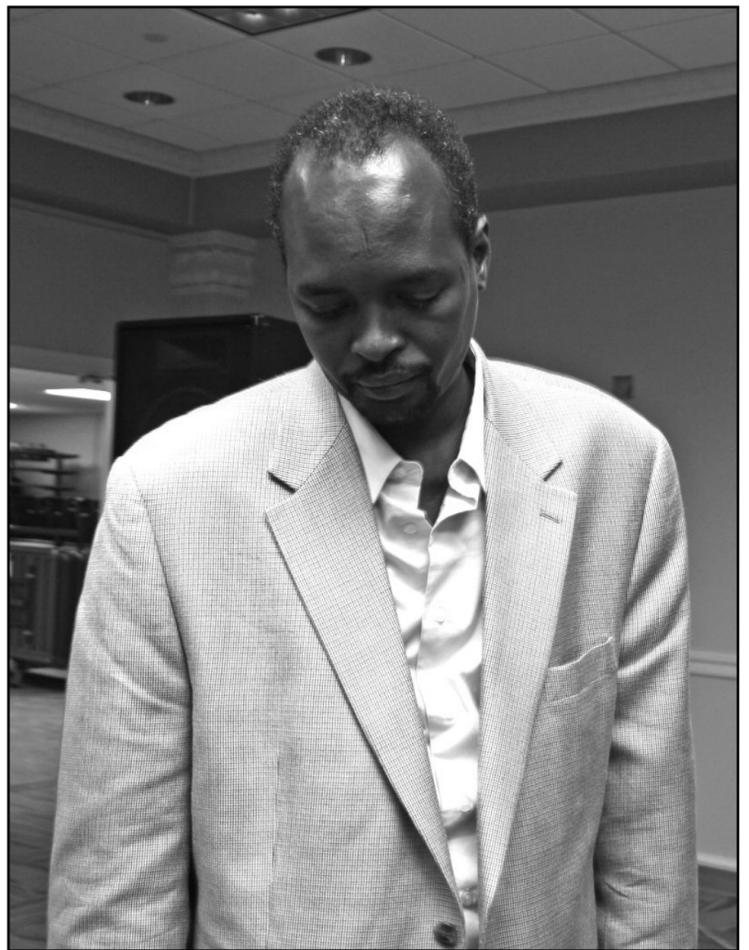
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AKL will be able to associate with Greek organizations as soon as its two-year suspension is over, he said.

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President of AKL

Voices from Darfur



Jason Williams/Index
A refugee from Darfur walks away from the podium after speaking about his experience Tuesday night during the presentation titled "Voices from Darfur" in the Student Union Building Activities Room.

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because of its attendance and participation records.

"Their application was really good, but their attendance was concerning to some of the committee members," Meyer said.

Sophomore Mark Lambert said he thinks the SOC benefits campus organizations even if there is a limited capacity for member groups.

"It shows that Truman wants to be supportive of organizations," Lambert said.

In addition to human power that is provided by participating member groups, Senate allots \$800 annually to the SOC, according to the senate's 2007

budget. Each participating organization receives \$100 to support its cause, but Meyer said the money cannot be spent arbitrarily.

"[The event] can be anything that provides some kind of outreach for the community or for Truman," Meyer said. "But we're not trying to choose sides with any organization, but support something that will help the community. ... [For example] for the College Republicans, it can't be anything Republican or Conservative. It would be something like a voter drive."

Szewczyk said that even though the SOC provides some funding to participating organi-

zations, its mission is distinctly different than the Funds Allotment Council's mission. He said the SOC contributes to the Student Association's goals because it promotes students working together and voicing their opinions on campus. The dialogue between participating organizations can help the senate better convey student opinion to administrators.

"The FAC is a funding-based program," Szewczyk said. "The SOC is more about promoting union and camaraderie between campus organizations. It's also about spreading diversity on campus and promoting ideas."

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depending on the weather. He initially was scheduled to be in Cape Girardeau on Tuesday but decided to come to Truman because of inclement weather in that part of the state. She said she thinks he still is planning to visit Truman Nov. 12.

Cindy Smock said she and Jed were happy with the student reaction during her visit two weeks ago, and that an argumentative reaction is typical on college campuses.

"We come on strong," she said. "... If we just said, 'Smile, God loves you,' no one would stop."

Smock, like Noordewier, also said she and her colleagues deliver their speeches because of their love for college students.

"The students generally say that we're not showing enough love, but they don't know what real love is," Cindy said. "We come, and we're really the best friends that they have because we tell them the truth."

Senior Cammie Kropf said she thinks some of the statements Jed Smock made Tuesday are true but that he was mostly speaking about politics and just making students angry. She said most people who stopped to hear Smock were not seeking truth.

"Most of the people here are here to argue," she said.

Junior Joseph Grissom said he thinks listening to Smock without considering the viewpoints of others is impractical.

"He's going on this tirade that's not even [relevant] to anything," he said.

Grissom said he only stopped to listen because he thought it entertaining.

After the last visit, junior Stephanie Howes created a Facebook group called "Boycott the Quad on November 12" that asked students either to avoid the Quad altogether or to ignore Smock while crossing the Quad. More than 2,000 students have been invited to join the group, and about 800 students have sent an RSVP saying they will attend.

Howes said that in creating the group, she only intended it to include a small circle of friends. She said she was surprised to see how much support the group received and that students have sent her a lot of positive feedback.

Howes also said she didn't think Truman represented itself in the most positive way when the religious speak-

ers first visited campus, which is why she created the group.

"If he can't talk to us, then what's he going to do?" she said. "I thought [boycotting] would be an easy way to show our displeasure."

Even though Howes' group has garnered a lot of attention, she said she doesn't think it affected the smaller crowd Tuesday.

"I'm rather pleased that it was a smaller group," Howes said. "... As much as I'd like to say that my group did that, I don't really think so. I don't know if Facebook has that kind of power."

Howes said she thinks much of what the religious speakers are doing at Truman has to do with shock value and that the whole point of her Facebook group was to prevent the shock value from attracting students.

"When we feed into it, we're kind of giving them a little bit of power over us," she said. "... They truly believe what they're saying, obviously, ... but they could do it in a way that's not so confrontational. But that's the whole shtick."

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Joseph Grissom
Sophomore

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to who will be appointed as provost. While many will be encouraged to voice opinions concerning the provost search, President Barbara Dixon has the power to make the final appointment.

"Feedback from the Truman community as a whole is desired," Woodcox said. "There is an open forum for students for each of the candidates, and written feedback is also greatly encouraged. We will also host an open forum for faculty and staff. Community feedback will absolutely be taken seriously [throughout the interviewing process]."

Each candidate will appear in Kirksville at different times to communicate with members of the Truman community. Gromko will appear Oct. 29 and 30, Conner will appear Nov. 1 and 2, Paino will appear Nov. 5 and 6, and Grahn will appear Nov. 12 and 13. Although the committee has yet to establish a timetable for student and staff forums, it hopes to inform students who are interested in meeting the candidates via e-mail and at its Web site, <http://provostsearch.truman.edu>.

Although many standards are being used in the search, the search committee members said they think it is vital to hire a provost who will aid Truman's transition from serving a regional pur-

pose to serving a liberal arts purpose, Woodcox said.

"One of the provost's responsibilities is to help Truman evolve as a liberal arts and sciences university, so it is required that the candidate possesses a number of skills," Woodcox said.

One of the key facets of the searching process was for candidates to have leadership experience at their respective institutions of higher learning.

"Rather than the traditional track of being a department chair or a dean of a particular area to becoming the provost at another university, we actively searched for candidates who have been in leadership roles," Woodcox said.

DeLancey said the search committee left the list unranked hoping that by presenting all of the candidates in a balanced fashion, the community as a whole will contribute in the selection process.

"The current list of candidates is unranked, and it will remain unranked until the president makes a final decision," DeLancey said.

DeLancey said the search committee hopes there will be extensive feedback from the entire Truman community to find a candidate who will be ideal for all members of the community.

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