

**EDUCATION** | New standards for training educators were approved Nov. 27

Continued from Page 1

MoSTEP to MoSPE is the removal of a technology standard, because the next generation of educators is already knowledgeable about technology, Yoder said.

"What Missouri discovered is recent graduates have grown up with technology," Yoder said. "They don't need to be taught it."

Yoder said MoSPE also allows more flexibility for educator preparation programs because the standards are broader than MoSTEP.

"Really, it's going to be a little more of a paperwork issue," Yoder said. "The standards are more of a reflection of really good teaching, and Truman has always produced really good teachers."

Truman has been involved with the development of MoSPE for two years, making the transition into the new standards an easy one, Yoder said.

Yoder said one minor change that affects students with the new standards is a change to the MAE portfolio project. MAE students are required to create a portfolio to graduate. Yoder said any student who already has begun to create a portfolio can do so using MoSTEP standards, but students who have yet to start a portfolio will create one that fits the new requirements.

Yoder said he does not think the new standards will have a large impact on Truman. However, during the next six to eight months, Truman will begin to implement the new standards and determine how many changes need to be made to the MAE program, he said.

"This is very, very new," Yoder said. "It's still preliminary how this is going to play out. We will have to see as we begin to transition into these new set of standards here at Truman."

The biggest impact MoSPE will have on the District is with student teachers, said Julie Reuschel, Kirksville R-3 School District's Improvement Coordinator. The new standards could affect how students, many of whom attend Truman, complete their student teaching, she said. She said she is unsure of what changes, if any, will be made, but any changes to the student teaching program will affect the district.

While such changes might occur, Hairston said he hopes the new standards have a positive effect regarding the education of Missouri teachers.

"Missouri has a lot of excellent teacher preparation programs, but we can always do better," Hairston said. "We hope with the new standards to bring things up to date in Missouri."

**Students and faculty learn Middle Eastern dance**



Calli Lowry/Index

Members of the Society of Middle Eastern Dance teach students and faculty members group dances before the Chamber Madrigal dinner Dec. 1 in the Student Union Building. The dinner was sponsored by the University Chamber Choir and featured a magician, a Renaissance marketplace with pottery and jewelry.

**POLICY** | The Board voted to incorporate sexual orientation into its nondiscrimination policy

Continued from Page 1

include sexual orientation in its nondiscrimination policy.

Student Senate passed a resolution by unanimous consent in support of the Board adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination policy during November 2011.

"It's a very important step toward equality, but it is not the last," Malin said.

While he said he's pleased with the outcome of the vote, Malin said he found the opposition from two members of the Board of Governors to be unsettling.

"The proponents of this measure would have Truman — a public university — weigh in on one side of the cultural controversy about the normalization of homosexual conduct and related political questions," wrote John Hilton, a non-voting member of the Board and one of three members of the Academic and Student Affairs committee, in an in-record letter.

Malin said the opposition from Hilton and Cheryl Cozette, the only Board member to vote against the addition, is condemnable.

During the meeting, Cozette, said she didn't support the addition to the policy because her fear is the more protected groups are defined, the more other groups are discriminated against by not being included.

"We don't ensure nondiscrimination by listing groups or protected classes in a policy," Cozette said. "It is my view that by passing the proposed policy, we are, in an effort to be more inclusive, in fact being even more exclusive."

Cozette also said she thinks this is a cultural and social issue, not a policy issue, which the

Board is responsible for.

"Anytime you say 'I'm against discrimination, but ...,' you're probably on the wrong side of history," Malin said.

Junior Michael Bushur, the Board of Governors student representative, spoke out in support of the change during the Board meeting.

Bushur said he thought it was necessary to step up and be the voice for the students, as this is an issue students have shown support for through surveys as well as the passage of a student government resolution, which showed support for the action the Board took Saturday.

"I think maybe the vote today represents Missouri catching up with a lot of other places that have implemented policies like these years ago," he said.

Paino said while the policy decisions at the University are determined by the Board, the opinions of students, faculty and staff always are influential, and the Board is eager to hear it.

Paino said he thinks with Bushur on the Board and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, he's confident the voice of the students were heard during the decision-making process.

Malin said though he's excited to see the Board make the addition they did, he said he sees this as a springboard to work toward more equality measures for the University, such as same-sex partner benefits.

Because the University of Missouri system hasn't made a decision on same-sex partner benefits, Malin said Truman making a decision

about the measure could make them a leader across the state.

"[Same-sex partner benefits] is a conversation that has certainly been occurring on campus," Paino said. "It's a larger conversation that's occurring throughout the state at other public universities and we are a part of that. We're not ready to act on it at this point, but that doesn't mean it's not something we'll take up in the future."

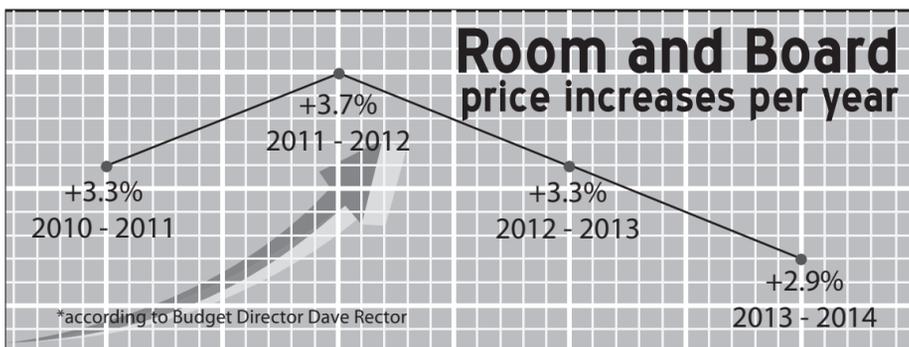
Sally Herleth, executive director of Human Resources, said technically the Board of Governors doesn't have to make the ultimate decision for there to be a change in the same-sex partner benefits. She said what administrators want, however, is for the Board to be aware and supportive of the issue because of the political nature of the issue.

Staff Council, of which Herleth is one of 18 members, currently is in the process of deciding what action to take in terms of the same-sex partner benefits as a governing body.

Herleth said the Council sent out a survey to staff last week that ends Monday, which asks what their thoughts are about the issue. She said the Council will then decide whether they want to write a resolution, support the resolutions from Faculty Senate or Student Senate in support of same-sex partner benefits or take no action in the matter at all.

Herleth said the next Staff Council meeting will be Dec. 19.

Same-sex partner benefits is currently not on the agenda for the upcoming Board of Governors meeting Feb. 9.



**HIGHWAY** | Missouri Highway Patrol receives reaccreditation for meeting required safety standards

Continued from Page 1

Because they successfully completed the Gold Standard Assessment process, there are no substantial policy or patrol changes being made, Hull said.

The standards put in place by CALEA serve as guides to help agencies practice efficient law enforcement in nine areas, Hull said. The areas include administration management, traffic operations and detainee and court-related activities, he said.

Agencies are given freedom to choose how they want to enforce the standards, Hull said. The Gold Standard Assessment focuses on methods and outcomes of standard policies used by a law enforcement agency, he said.

Sergeant Mike Bulhard of Highway Patrol Troop B in Macon said the local station did not have to make any changes to its practices to be reaccredited.

"They have inspectors that come in from other state agencies that look at our agency as a whole to make sure we are meeting the guidelines for the CALEA accreditation process," he said.

Bulhard said CALEA sent in-

spectors to various troops to see if they were meeting standards, but Troop B did not have an inspector come to their office.

He said there currently are no plans to make any changes to current law enforcement policy. Any changes that might be made would be minor and not affect overall policy, Bulhard said. A major change in policy might occur if the standards were revised or if policies were changed to reflect the new standards.

Hull said CALEA has a separate accreditation program for campus security organizations. The Department of Public Safety at Truman State does not use this system, but instead uses the accreditation system of the University, Hull said.

This is the seventh time the Patrol has been accredited by the Commission since 1992, Hull said. There are thousands of enforcement agencies accredited in the United States by the Commission. There also are agencies in Canada, Mexico, Barbados and Bermuda that successfully completed accreditation. Hull said 23 Missouri law enforcement agencies participate in the process.

**HOUSING** | 2012-2013 room and board rates will increase by 2.9 percent

Continued from Page 1

prices to prices at Truman's competing universities. He said Truman's prices remain competitive based on the quality of housing provided.

Gardner said this year's increase was within the normal range and actually was lowered from past years' increases. The past few years have seen increases of more than 3 percent, he said.

"We really looked at all the costs and tried to keep it as low as possible," Gardner said. "We understand that these are tough times for a lot of folks out there."

He said when they were calculating future costs, they predicted that utility costs would increase less next

year than they have during the past. Gardner said he does not anticipate any other new or increased residential fees for students next year.

Rector said students can expect tuition to increase slightly for the 2013-2014 school year. He said tuition raises each year based on the economy and calculations made by the Consumer Price Index, which is configured by the state.

The University must wait for the CPI to be published during January to begin calculating the expected tuition increase, Rector said. However, he does not expect that increase to be more than 3 percent, he said. The Board of Governors will vote to approve that

increase during its April meeting.

Freshman Megan Mange said the continued price increases might discourage new students from coming here, particularly because freshmen have to live on campus.

"It will just keep increasing from here," Mange said. "So it might not be that much this coming year, but it will get worse."

Mange said many of her friends are planning to move off campus next year because they think the on-campus costs are too high. She said she also is taking this increase into consideration as she makes her plans for next year, but she said she probably will remain on campus because it is convenient.

**NEED A SUMMER JOB?**

**Orientation Leaders 2013**

**Orientation Leaders will:**

- Help students enroll in classes and discuss transitional issues
- Gain leadership and professional experience
- Be provided room and board during orientation
- Receive a stipend

**Applications, job description, and reference forms are available in the Ruth W. Towne Museum & Visitors Center and online at [ol.truman.edu](http://ol.truman.edu).**

**Applications Now Available!**

**Application deadline is December 7, 2012**

**If you have questions about the Orientation Leader position, please contact Jacob Funke in the Admission Office at 660-785-4232 or [jfunke@truman.edu](mailto:jfunke@truman.edu).**