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The University of Toledo's Board of Trustees today (June 12) approved a list of capital improvements requests for the University's main and Scott Park campuses totaling \$89.5 million during the 1987 and 1988 fiscal years.

The list of capital improvements projects will be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents for its consideration in making recommendations to the governor and the Ohio Legislature.

Top priorities on the list are renovations and improvements to the Bowman-Oddy Laboratories which house the departments of chemistry, biology, and geology, expected to cost \$1.4 million; renovation of other campus structures and the upgrading of utilities at an estimated cost of \$12.6 million; and further renovation of University Hall and its Doermann Theater, estimated at \$6 million.

Other major projects on the list include a \$14.8 million addition to the Engineering-Science Building for research and development and other improvements for advanced technology transfer, \$6 million toward expansion of the Glass Bowl football stadium which would increase its seating capacity from 18,500 to 30,000, a new classroom and office building for the University Community and Technical College at Scott Park, expected to cost \$3.3 million, as well as \$20 million for a natatorium and activities center and \$8 million toward the projected expansion of educational facilities at The Toledo Museum of Art. The Toledo Museum of Art conducts the University's academic program in the fine arts.

In other action, the Board approved a project budget of \$7,989,190 for construction of a new Physics and Astronomy building on which work is expected to begin this summer. The University already has received an appropriation from the Ohio General Assembly covering most of that cost. The building will be located east of the Ritter Planetarium along Bancroft Street in area used for parking.

It approved a resolution which continues faculty and administration salaries and the University's general and auxiliary fund budgets at existing levels for the fiscal year which begins July 1, pending adoption of a new state budget by the Legislature. The resolution would permit salary increases after the General Assembly acts.

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It approved a contract with Dr. James D. McComas, currently president of Mississippi State University, as president of The University of Toledo and professor of higher education effective July 1. Dr. McComas will succeed Dr. Glen R. Driscoll who is retiring after nearly 13 years. Dr. Driscoll has been named executive director of the California Bowl based in Fresno, Calif.

The Board increased the cost of rooms in residence halls by 4 per cent, or \$17 per quarter, effective next fall. A typical student, housed in a double room, will pay \$457 per quarter in Parks Tower and \$437 in the University's five other residence halls.

It adopted a new and more flexible meal plan for students living on campus which is expected to reduce the cost of meals to as low as \$300 per quarter, about the level of the least expensive of the three existing meal plans. Students will be provided with meal cards and will be charged only for food which they actually consume.

The Board adopted a resolution honoring Raymond C.W. Peterson who is scheduled to complete his nine year term as a University trustee on June 30. Mr. Peterson is a UT alumnus and has been associated with the University in various capacities for more than 50 years. He will continue to serve as a trustee until Governor Celeste appoints his successor.

It authorized the Board's buildings and grounds committee to recommend awarding of contracts for renovation of the existing parking structures, expected to cost about \$1,125,000, and renovation of a building for use by the departments of security and physical plant, expected to cost about \$340,000. It also adopted project budgets of \$165,000 for Student Union renovations and \$220,000 to provide roof repairs to the Computer Center.

It voted to designate the Continuing Education Center as the Driscoll Continuing Education Center in honor of the outgoing president and accepted a total of \$144,790 in gifts, grants, and scholarships received during the past month.

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