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BOARD APPROVES 2009-2010 OPERATING BUDGET

The Board of Trustees approved a \$1.7 million deficit operating budget last week, although individual office budgets are still being prepared and will not be finalized until later this month.

The capital budget, which covers the University's long-term investment in new facilities and infrastructure, was not approved as yet by the Board. However, the Business Office is working to provide them with additional information to assist in the approval process.

Stritch has not been immune to the nation's recent economic difficulties, and a series of difficult decisions had to be made to bring the budget in line with financial realities. The approved operating budget represents a \$1.7 million deficit, although Tammy Howard, vice president for finance/controller, said the Board has directed the Business Office to work to balance the budget throughout 2010, so that the University can operate with a 1% surplus in the 2010-2011 budget.

Although the 2009-2010 budget does not include staff and faculty pay raises, the budget was created without the need for employee reductions. Appointment letters and an explanatory letter of the salary situation were distributed to employees last Friday.

President Dr. Helen C. Sobehart noted, "The challenges we have faced this budget cycle have been considerable, and under these difficult circumstances I am pleased that we were able to create a budget without the need for salary or staff reductions."

Until the final details of the budget are in place, University colleges, departments and offices are instructed to continue to use the existing budget process and procedures to accommodate their day-to-day needs. This includes continuing to use the existing account numbers and P.O. system. A new online P.O. system will be unveiled later in the fall.

Departments should approach spending money cautiously -- not only until the individual budgets are ready, but also this entire fiscal year. Questions regarding specific impending expenditures should be directed to your vice president or dean.

A key component to the budget process this year has been a complex and challenging conversion to a new accounting system. The existing Stritch account information was converted into a new Jenzabar-based system over the weekend.

Work continues to correct some glitches in the conversion process, but when the work is concluded, the University will have a level of detail for its financial data that it has not had before.

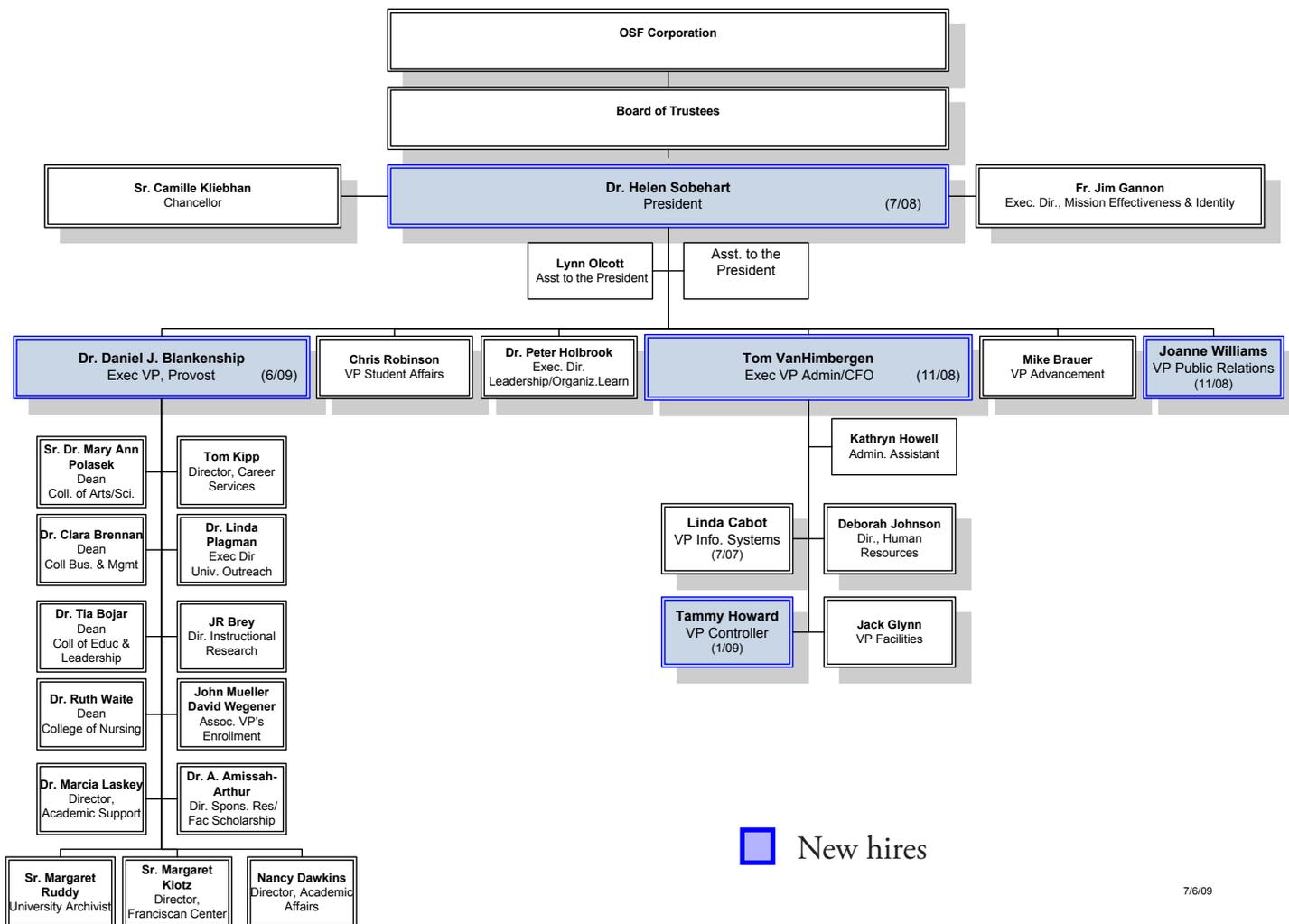
"We will have a detailed chart of accounts in place to better track revenues and expenses," Howard said. "Our first goal is the ability to track profitability by college, but eventually, we will be able to track that kind of information down to the program and even the course level."

Updated policies on mileage reimbursement, travel, and organizational memberships will be needed as the University moves forward.

In addition to these budget details, a key change in the University's reporting structure has been implemented. The staff in Enrollment Services now reports to new Provost Dr. Dan Blankenship, who also oversees the four colleges, Academic Affairs, the Academic Support Center, Career Services, Grants and Faculty Scholarship, the Franciscan Center, Institutional Research, University Archives, and University Outreach. These changes are consistent with the organizational chart created last year, which appears on page 2.

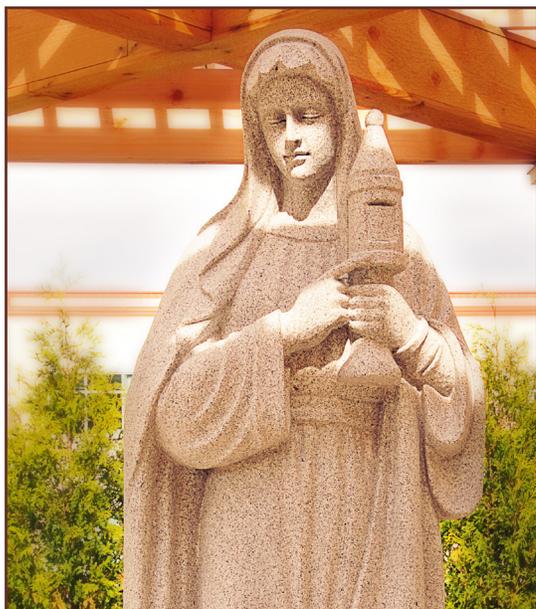
Additional details about the budget will be shared in future editions of the Troubadour as they become available.

CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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FEAST OF ST. CLARE TO BE HELD IN HERITAGE PARK AUG. 11



The Feast Day of St. Clare, which celebrates Clare's life on the anniversary of her death, will be commemorated at Stritch on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. with a Mass in Heritage Park outside Bonaventure Hall (weather permitting).

As a young woman moved by her love for God, Clare joined Francis in his life of prayer and service. Founding her own community of "poor ladies," Clare was the first woman to write her own rule of life for religious women. This rule guaranteed her and her Sisters the "privilege of poverty" – the right never to own anything of their own. Today, the Stritch community continues to honor Clare's role as light, guide, and exemplar of Franciscan values.

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OFFICE OF MISSION AND IDENTITY RESTRUCTURES

The Office of Mission and Identity has restructured its operations and staff to better serve the University community at all campus locations, and to extend the University mission and Franciscan values in new ways.

The biggest change is that Campus Ministry, which had been under the purview of the Dean of Students office, is now under Mission and Identity. The roles of Campus Ministry staff members are changing as well, with some new faces.

Kate Herrick, formerly the associate dean of students, is now associate director of Mission and Identity for the main campus, while Sister Mary Jeanne Michels, OSF, is also associate director for the City Center and Madison locations. In this spirit, there will be an associate director for the Eden Prairie and Rochester locations as well.

Jon Metz, formerly campus minister, is now director of campus ministry. The office also added Matthew Zembrowski as a liturgical minister. Zembrowski has worked with Campus Ministry and Mission and Identity many times in the past as a musician and vocalist at Stritch events and Masses.

Sister Adele Thibaudeau, OSF, has transitioned into the role of director for the Center for Justice, Peace and Integrity for Creation. This role is a traditional one at many Franciscan institutions and taps her extensive experience with peace and justice issues.



Functions of the Office of Mission and Identity include Campus Ministry; prayer and worship; the Center for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC); Chapel administration; Franciscan Pilgrimage programs; University values committees; the Rite of Christian Initiation for adults; and a revamped lecture series, about which more will ap-

pear in next week's Troubadour.

The purpose of the revamped Office of Mission and Identity is to clarify and promote Stritch's Franciscan Catholic mission within and outside the University and collaborate with other areas of the Stritch community to create a campus culture and environment where the Franciscan values of peacemaking, compassion, community and reverencing creation are practiced and brought to life on a daily basis.

NICOLET HIGH SCHOOL TO STAGE CRISIS DRILL AUG. 13 IN STRITCH LOT 11

Nicolet High School will conduct a crisis drill Aug. 13 on its campus, across from Stritch on the other side of Interstate 43. North Shore police and fire department units and others will gather in Stritch's parking lot 11 near the Joan Steele Stein Center for Communication Studies/Fine Arts and will be rushing to the crisis location at Nicolet from that lot.

Stritch faculty and staff should avoid parking in or near Lot 11 or crossing through the area on foot during the drill.

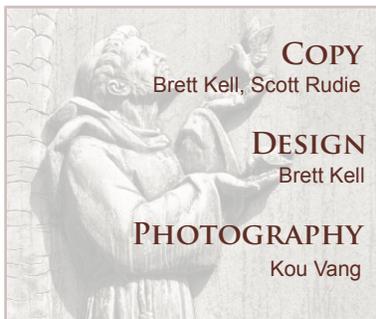
Summer hours end Aug. 14

Faculty and staff are reminded that summer business hours will end on Friday, Aug. 14. Effective Monday, Aug. 17, University business hours return to 8 a.m. -- 5 p.m., with an hour for lunch.

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