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Likins' revised budget stresses research

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TEMPE — The UA is bracing for more cuts because the state simply has no money to give, President Peter Likins told the Arizona Board of Regents yesterday.

Likins plans to alter a budget request for next year that he will present to the today at ASU in light of the potentially growing

budget cuts.

He originally planned to request funds for operational programs, such as hiring of more graduate teaching assistants, granting raises to slow the loss of staff and faculty to higher-paying institutions, and dedicating more money for research on water quality and sustainability in Arizona.

But now, Likins intends to divert money from some of those operational requests in order to

request funds to build research buildings.

For example, Likins said that rather than requesting \$2 million to hire more GTAs to lessen the current GTA workload, he could ask for \$1 million, adding that he would then ask that the remaining \$1 million be used to build research buildings.

The state will be more willing to give money to research buildings because the members of the

Legislature may see the possibility of getting a return on the investment once researchers begin bringing in research dollars, Likins said.

Gov. Jane Dee Hull is expected to attend today's meeting for a discussion on the budget.

Hull has asked state agencies to prepare for 10 percent budget cuts, which amounts to about \$33 million for the UA alone.

"The latest prediction, which is

probably accurate, is that we'll have a \$1 billion dollar shortfall (in the state 2003-2004 budget)," said Regent Gary Stuart.

The funding request the regents plan to forward to the Legislature after this meeting are supposed to supplement the money the Legislature normally sets aside for the university.

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Regents praise 'Changing Directions'

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TEMPE — The Arizona Board of Regents praised yesterday the overview of President Peter Likins' plans to limit enrollment and cut some academic programs that are not financially self-supporting or essential to research, and to increase tuition and financial aid.

Several board members said Likins' plans should be put into action as soon as possible, since the proposal is intended to reduce the UA's reliance on the Legislature and tax money.

The regents never got into specifics about how Likins' proposals should be carried out, or of which particular ones they approved.

More explicit plans will be released at the end of October or beginning of November.

The three university presidents' initiative, dubbed "Changing Directions," would transform the UA into a more research-intensive institution, ASU into a larger

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Police arrest man on charge of harassment

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A student who police suspect has a history of sexually harassing women at the UA and Pima Community College's East campus was arrested by Pima College police Tuesday.

Traver Brawley, 23, a Pima student, had been arrested earlier in the day by University of Arizona police on three counts each of harassment and assault.

Three UA students complained to UAPD Tuesday evening that Brawley was making unwanted sexual advances — which included physical contact — at the Student Union Memorial Center.

UAPD officers responding to the call recognized Brawley from prior incidents of harassment around campus. Pima College police arrested Brawley later that night after UAPD informed the department that they were holding Brawley at the UAPD station.

Last week, Brawley was seen at the east side of the student union. He wore blue medical scrubs with a red stain and went up to women who were alone, asking their names and touching them, reports stated.

In one instance, he approached a girl talking on her cell phone and kissed her hand and touched her thigh. The victim said she could see there was something

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Hall of Fame induction

On top of the world

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For the gray-haired legend in the blue blazer and shimmering khaki slacks, basketball is as straightforward as it can be.

It comes easily to him — obviously, considering he has more than 600 career wins.

For everything he has done in his 29-year career as a head coach, it will all come together tomorrow when Lute Olson will be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame — on tape because he is in Italy for his son's wedding.

The ceremony will come 19 years after Olson adopted a hapless Arizona program and began turning it into a national powerhouse. The Wildcats are ranked No.

1 in the nation in many pre-season polls.

But the success he has now didn't come easy; actually, it was anything but for the once-skinny kid from Maryville, N.D.

Olson inherited an Arizona program in 1983 that had never been to the Final Four and was coming off of a 4-24 season.

Arizona was in great position to recruit prospects from California — where he coached in Long Beach, both at Long Beach State and Long Beach Community College — but Olson also kept a pipeline to Chicago and the Midwest. The only problem was, as happy as Olson was to be in Tucson, persuading players to feel the same way and go to a team notorious for losing, in a city known for football, was another issue all together.

Olson pitched to recruits his well-rounded experience, for which basketball was simply just a part. His focus was on education and self-growth, along with improving as a player, especially on the defensive side of the basketball. At the end of every semester, he recognized his players who performed well in the classroom by reading off their grades in front of the team.

Olson made good on his promises, and eventually Arizona began to get its foot in the door and become a player in the national recruiting scene.

But, results were not immediate. The Wildcats failed to qualify for post-season play in Olson's inaugural year, posting an 11-17 record — only the second time



File photo

Tomorrow, head coach Lute Olson will be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Olson, who is entering his third decade as coach of the Wildcats, will be in Italy during the ceremony for his son's wedding. His speech will be broadcast on tape at the ceremonies.

in his career that a team under his tenure finished under .500. In 1984-85, Olson's second season, the Wildcats, led by sophomore guard Steve Kerr, went 21-10 and made the NCAA tournament. It would be the first of 18, consecutive years UA would see post-season play.

The following year, freshman Tucson native Sean Elliott, considered Olson's most prized recruit, added another dimension to the team, as the Wildcats won their first Pacific 10 Conference

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