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## CMU Board of Trustees extends in-state tuition rates across country

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The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees approved the extension of in-state tuition rates to students from across the U.S.

Announced Thursday during the board's meeting, the move - which applies to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral rates for all U.S. residents - will increase CMU's ability to recruit beyond state borders, according to a news release.



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It advances "One CMU" by mirroring the single-rate approach that exists for online and satellite-location programs.

Steven Johnson, vice president for Enrollment and Student Service, said all but about 15 percent of out-of-state students already receive the President's Award, a scholarship that applies in-state tuition rates to qualified applicants.

In other action, the board approved:

- Authorization to execute contracts to charter two new public school academies in Detroit — Greenfield Academy and Phalen Leadership Academy. Greenfield will serve grades indergarten through fifth grade and enroll nearly 490 students. Phalen will serve grades K-6 and enroll 600; and
- Replacement of a 1,250-ton, 27-year-old absorption chiller in CMU's central energy facility. This \$2.2 million unit is a key component of the university's co-generation system, contributing to energy savings and sustainability. Funds for the project will come from CMU's significant energy conservation efforts, which saves the university about \$3 million a year.

During committee meetings Wednesday, the board received an update on a proposed Residence Life project from Barrie Wilkes, vice president for finance and administrative services.

The project, the South Community Complex, would involve construction of two new residence halls connected to Merrill and Sweeney halls.

It also would include transformation of an existing parking lot into a central plaza and expansion of the Merrill dining facilities.

A grassy lot across the street, on the south side of Broomfield, would be paved as a 500-vehicle parking lot.

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Trustees are likely to vote on the housing project in April. If approved, construction is expected to begin in December with completion in time for the fall 2020 semester.

An update on the university's policies and practices regarding sexual misconduct was given to the board by University President George Ross.

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He explained that CMU's sexual misconduct policy applies to students, faculty and staff and addresses dating violence, domestic violence/intimate partner violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, stalking and retaliation.

All employees, except those such as counselors, are required to report information regarding alleged sexual misconduct.

They are also expected to complete an online training program that promotes a harassment- and discrimination-free environment and outlines their Title IX responsibilities.

All incoming, on-campus first-year and transfer students also are required to complete an online training program, with mandatory participation in order to register for the next semester's classes.

"The bottom line: We are serious," Ross said. "We are actively engaged in keeping our campus safe. Our policies are strong. Collaboration is frequent among many offices, including the Office of Civil Rights and Institutional Equity, General Counsel, Human Resources and Faculty Personnel Services, the CMU Police Department, Office of Student Conduct, Student Affairs and Residence Life, Sexual Aggression Services, and University Communications."

Ross also noted CMU's Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates, a survivor-centered and trauma-informed, paraprofessional student organization. Its services include a confidential support line; online chat service; and direct, in-person services.

Its "No Zebras, No Excuses" program is a staple of CMU freshman orientation, with seven performed vignettes replicating situations of sexual assault, drug-facilitated sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking and harassment. The program has been used by the U.S. military as well.

SAPA, founded 20 years ago at CMU, is a national model for other universities.