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Eastern Michigan University's governing board has approved a combined 8% increase in tuition and fees. Tuition alone will be raised by 9.5%, but there will be no increase in mandatory fees. For a typical resident undergraduate student, tuition and fees will cost nearly \$7,500. The state, which may see a \$1.6 billion deficit for the fiscal year beginning in October, has cut or postponed financial aid to colleges. Eight of the 15 Michigan public universities have raised tuition for next year, while the rest are expected to follow suit.

Emerson College fires dean of enrollment

Boston's Emerson College has fired its dean of enrollment, Daniel Pinch, alleging that he took \$36,000 as consultation fees for a loan company that the college recommended to students for consolidation of their loans. Not only did Pinch allow the company to use his and the college's name for marketing purposes, but he also established his own loan company. A report released by the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, chaired by Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, revealed Pinch's relationship with the loan company. According to the report, the company offered \$50,000 as an investment in Pinch's company, though it is not clear whether the deal went through.

Robin Holmes named University of Oregon's VP for student affairs

Robin Holmes has been named vice president for student affairs at the University of Oregon. Having conducted a national search to fill the vacancy created by Anne Leavitt, who left the post in 2005, the university appointed someone from its own campus. Holmes will oversee seven departments, including financial aid, student housing, admissions, student conduct, the health center, and the Erb Memorial Union. Interim student affairs head Mike Eyster will take on Holmes's earlier post as director of student housing. Located in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, the University of Oregon offers students opportunities in the fields of architecture, art, business, education, journalism, law, music, and dance.