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## CAREER FAIR LOSES RECRUITERS



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Computer science sophomore Tyler Gotch talks to a representative from Union Pacific Railroad on Wednesday during the Career Gallery at Breslin Center while a line of other gallery attendees wait behind him. "I think it went very well," Gotch said of his talk with Union Pacific. "I'm seriously considering it."

**"There's no question it's a much tougher job market right now than it was even last year."**

**Kelley Bishop, MSU Career Services executive director**

**By Zane McMillin**  
THE STATE NEWS

When Steven Soave walked out of Career Gallery on Wednesday at Breslin Center, he felt uneasy about the brief meetings he had with a number of businesses and corporations that had set up booths to recruit students.

Soave, a mechanical engineering junior, said the general message from businesses present at the event was to apply online and wait for a response.

He said there weren't as many students present as he would have thought and there was a noticeable number of empty presentation tables.

"I feel like there probably could have been more employers," he said. "There's more students per employer, so (students) are standing in a lot longer lines." Soave's observations reflect a reality in this year's

Career Gallery, which began Wednesday and continues today. About 30 percent fewer businesses and corporations are attending this year's event than last year, when the event set record numbers for student and business participation, said Kelley Bishop, executive director of MSU's Career Services.

And MSU is not alone. A preview of a report to be published in the coming months by the National Association of Colleges and Employers detailing the collegiate job market outlook in 2010 revealed that overall hiring for graduates

is expected to decrease by about 7 percent. Additionally, businesses surveyed by NACE reported they would attend fewer career fairs and travel less, choosing to place more emphasis on social networking.

Fewer businesses and more students are participating for a number of reasons, Bishop said, including tighter budgets to attend recruiting fairs, the economic recession and an increasingly competitive job market.

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### UNIVERSITY

## MSU drops V.P. Global Engagement job position

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Vice President for Global Engagement John Hudzik's position will no longer exist at the end of December as the result of an effort to cut costs to the university, MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon said.

"We needed to really manage the budgets," she said.

Hudzik said his place in the position only was intended to last three years and his goal has been accomplished.

"The fact that the president is not going to continue the position is her effort to reduce administrative overhead," he said.

"I didn't want to go any longer and (Simon and I) agreed that I would only do it for three years."

Simon and Hudzik both said eliminating the position will not be detrimental to the university.

"We're going to rely on the team to pick up the slack," Simon said.

Hudzik added that MSU's vision for a "swirl grant" university has been laid out during his time as vice president for global engagement.

"The vision is now pretty much set out," he said. "It's now time for folks to move forward and do it."

Hudzik's job focused on developing relationships between countries and the university.

"I focused on long-range thinking about countries and nations and ... where MSU would be thinking about building long-term relationships and arrangements," he said. "I had a large role in getting Dubai off the ground and actually developing that as an opportunity for the university."

Hudzik will remain at MSU as a faculty member and

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For video of MSU students preparing for and participating in Career Gallery, visit [stateneews.com/multimedia](http://stateneews.com/multimedia).

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## ASMSU CHAIR ACCUSED OF WAGE FRAUD

**By Zane McMillin**  
THE STATE NEWS

A former ASMSU representative accused the group's current Academic Assembly chairperson of wrongfully receiving money during the summer and violating several bylaws regarding office hour requirements during an assembly committee meeting Tuesday.

ASMSU is MSU's undergraduate student government. The committee was reviewing the assembly's three chairpersons when the allegations arose. During the public comment portion of Academic Assembly chairperson Kristy Currier's review, former member Ryan Starski said Currier was paid \$2,228.55 in "student taxpayer dollars" in spite of being in Arkansas 10 weeks on an internship.

Starski represented the Residence Halls Association from March until mid-September. "She has failed to uphold the code," Starski told the

committee. Currier spoke to the committee after Starski and said she had documented proof she worked more hours during the summer than required by the bylaws. She also said the assembly was aware of her internship before electing her as chairperson last spring.

"I actually have proof that I worked (more than) the required office hours," she told the committee. Copies of Currier's time sheets given to The State News from after her internship indicate Currier logged more than 141 hours of work. Time sheets were not available from before she left for her internship because the organization only began electronically logging hours during the summer. Currier said she worked 40 or more hours per week before leaving for Arkansas.

"There wasn't any wrongdoing," she said. The committee's members seemed to be split about Starkski's comments. Although at

least one member called the alleged violations "grievous," another member suggested the group proceed carefully. "She has done a great job," said Justin Epstein, who represents the Eli Broad College of Business. "We have people vouching for her and vouching for her efforts over the summer."

Currier said Wednesday she worked 323 total hours during the summer, slightly less than double the amount required by the group's bylaws.

"This is just something that's distracting from the issues at hand," she said. "We have a lot of student issues to deal with."

Mandy Griffin, who represents the College of Natural Sciences on Academic Assembly, said she felt a formal reprimand was in order. She said regardless of whether Currier worked an adequate number of hours, the assembly's code of operations stipulates its chair-

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### POLITICS

## Mich. might increase taxes to keep Promise

**By Marissa Cumpers**  
THE STATE NEWS

Lawmakers in the Michigan House passed three tax increases Wednesday in an attempt to restore funding to the Michigan Promise Scholarship.

The proposed tax increases would go toward a supplemental bill being considered by the state House, which could restore \$20 million to the Michigan Promise Scholarship, increase health care funding and lessen cuts to revenue sharing funds that pay for city services such as public safety.

While working to settle Michigan's \$2.8 billion budget deficit last week, the House and the Senate passed a higher education budget that eliminated the Michigan Promise Scholarship and about \$60 million in additional financial aid funding. The state has until Oct. 31 to settle the \$40

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billion budget under a 30-day extension passed last week. The budget was supposed to be finalized by Oct. 1, but legislators and the governor are engaged in a political battle about partisan issues. All parties must agree for a budget to move forward.

"While no one ever likes to raise taxes, if we want Michigan to come out of this and move forward, we have to invest in things that can help us do that," said state Rep. Joan Bauer, D-Lansing.

Bills passed in the House include an increase on physician taxes, a hold on increases to personal income tax exemptions and reductions to Michigan business tax credits.

Additional revenue bills to fund the supplemental one could be voted on as soon as Thursday and include a tax increase on tobacco products excluding cigarettes, higher fees for bars serving liquor late into the night and a hold on income tax credits for certain residents, said state Rep. Cindy Denby, R-Handy Township.

"That is a poor approach for Michigan to take right now when we have families struggling to make end's meet and small businesses trying to stay afloat," she said.

These revenue bills are the only proposed funding to restore the Michigan

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