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Moore’s firing is latest turnover

Several key leaders have exited U-M this year

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Sherrone Moore’s firing is the latest example of high-level turnover at the University of Michigan, which has seen several key leaders leave this year.

In May, former President Santa Ono resigned to pursue the presidency at the University of Florida, which he ultimately did not get.

In October, former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Geoffrey Chatas, left U-M to take a job at Yale University.



Moore

Last month, Vice President for Communications Richie C. Hunter, announced she was leaving Jan. 2.

Critics on social media have been calling for the dismissal of Athletic Director Warde Manuel. He remains on the job despite erroneous reports online claiming he’d been fired.

Derek Peterson, a history professor who chairs the Faculty Senate, said the departures aren’t connected. He called Chatas’ job offer at Yale one “he couldn’t refuse” and noted that Hunter had family reasons for leaving. Still, all the turnover is unsettling, he said.

“The cumulative effect is to say that, when I became chair of the Faculty Senate, I didn’t quite know that we would have this much turnover in upper administration,” Peterson said. “The CFO and the football coach are two of the most important positions at the institution.”

Peterson said he was surprised to learn of Moore’s firing. He attended a meeting last week of a faculty committee that advises the athletic

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Person held in Brown University shooting



First responders with the Providence Fire Department maneuver an empty stretcher Dec. 13 near the site of a mass shooting at the Brown University campus in Providence, Rhode Island. BING GUAN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

At least 2 students killed during final exams

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PROVIDENCE, RI – Authorities in Providence, Rhode Island, confirmed that police have a person of interest in custody after at least two students were killed and nine others were injured in a mass shooting at Brown University.

“The people of Providence can breathe a little easier this morning,” Mayor Brett Smiley told reporters at a news conference in the New England city early Dec. 14.

Seven people injured at the university are in stable condition, one re-

mains in a critical but stable condition, and another has been discharged, Smiley added.

The shooting at the Ivy League university happened shortly before 4:05 p.m. on Dec. 13, in an engineering building with unlocked doors as final exams were underway. Law enforcement worked well into the night to clear and evacuate school buildings and bring students to an established reunification center, reported The Providence Journal, part of the USA TODAY Network.

Brown University President Christina Paxson confirmed that the two people who died are students, as are at least eight of the nine injured. Paxson said authorities and university leaders have been in touch with the families of the

Multiple people killed at Hanukkah party in Australia. **12A**

students who were killed. Col. Oscar Perez, chief of Providence Police, during a Dec. 14 news conference said the person detained was in their 20s. He said authorities were not looking for anyone else in connection with the case. Officials, Perez added, were not yet ready to publicly name the person of interest.

“We’re in the process of collecting evidence and seizing items that we need to seize, search locations that we need to search,” Perez said.

Perez could not initially provide many details during the news conference, but he said that law enforcement

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Big jump in destination fees pushing up new car prices

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Automakers are tacking on price hikes to new vehicles in a way that consumers are likely to not notice as much as they might if the companies raised the actual manufacturer’s suggested retail price, more commonly called the sticker price.

The carmakers are boosting a mandatory fee listed on the window sticker:

the destination and delivery charge.

The destination and delivery charge is a nonnegotiable fee set by the car company that is typically not mentioned in advertising. It covers the manufacturer’s cost to transport the vehicle from the factory to the dealership, but make no mistake, even if you drive to the factory to get the car yourself, you’ll still on the hook to pay that fee.

According to data the Detroit Free Press requested from Edmunds, the destination charges across nearly all



Drury

charge across their pickup lineups for GMC, Chevrolet, Ford and Ram brands, from \$1,995 in the past to \$2,595 for 2026 models.

In fact, the last time the average des-

tinuation fee was less than \$1,000 was back in 2017. “I have seen those destination fee increases that are out of the norm versus the typical annual adjustments,” Ivan Drury, director of insights at Edmunds, told the Detroit Free Press of recent hikes in destination charges. “Almost everyone is guilty in part on some level because of tariff/inflation and hedging their bets. There is only one vehicle with

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