

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: <u>13</u>
DATE: January 18, 2005

RECOMMENDATION

MONTHLY REPORT
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for January 18, 2005 and the Minutes of November 30, 2004 be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

At its November 30, 2004 meeting the Student Affairs Committee received an update on the Student Leader Group's position regarding the General Education Reform Proposal as well as faculty use of class time for other than course-related discussion. Reports were received on the recent Association of Michigan Universities Conference and the Alcohol Summit. The Committee unanimously endorsed the Student Leader Group's position paper in support of Domestic Partner Benefits. Student members also expressed dissatisfaction with the Presidential Search Process and non-support for the Student Government bill calling for a Student Regent.

At its January 18, 2005 meeting the Student Affairs Committee will receive an update on the Biennial Review Process, the General Education Reform Proposal, the University's Tsunami Relief Effort, MLK Day activities and the Housing & Dining Services Self-Study. An Alcohol Summit follow-up will be provided and Academic Advising as well as the Student Affairs Committee meeting time will be discussed.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, January 18, 2005
8:00 a.m.

Agenda

Room 201
Welch Hall

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| 1. Approval of November 30, 2004 Meeting Minutes | Regent Brandon |
| 2. Introduction of New Member | Jim Vick |
| 3. Biennial Review Update | Edward Davis II |
| 4. Alcohol Summit Follow-up | Cevone Smith |
| 5. Housing & Dining Services Self-Study Update | Jim Vick |
| 6. Tsunami Response | Biniam Yohannes |
| 7. General Education Proposal | Robert Murkowski |
| 8. Academic Advising | Laura Quashnie |
| 9. MLK Day Summary | Gregory Peoples |
| 10. SAC Meeting Time | Robert Murkowski |
| 11. Announcements | |
| 12. Other | |

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of November 30, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT

Regents: Regent Brandon

Administration: Glenna Frank Miller, Greg Peoples, Karen Simpkins, Jim Vick

Students: Sarah Armstrong, Kelly Basden, Voncile Conrad, Edward Davis II, Elizabeth Garvin, Robert Murkowski, Laura Quashnie, Cevone Smith, Binniam Yohannes

GUESTS

Administration: Vickie Bagherzadeh, Carin Barber, Angela Beskow, Timothy Brewer, Elizabeth Broughton, Matt Calfin, Dave Carroll, Peg Carter, Deb deLaski-Smith, Mary Jo Desprez, Kevin Devine, Becky Figura, Brian Fitzgerald, John Fox, Justin Gerboc, Ellen Gold, Cindy Hall, Jesús Hernández, Rocky Jenkins, An Klaes, Jeff Koras, Doug Kose, Bernice Lindke, Heather Livingston, Jim Locke, Thom Madden, Jeff Nesmith, Sarah Kersey Otto, Geraldine Panelo, Stephanie Percy, Dan Salk, Gretchen Sanchez, Lewis Savage, Michael Stark, Carlos Stewart, Cynthia Van Pelt, Paul Dean Webb, Sandra Williams, Craig D. Willis, Pam Young

Students: Tanisha Blackmon, Jeremiah Fanslau, Sam Richardson, Jessica Robinson, Sue Sohn, Marc Uchman

Press: Kathryn Prater (Echo)

Regent Jan Brandon convened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. Minutes of the September 21, 2004 meeting were approved as presented.

General Education Proposal

Robert Murkowski, Student Body Vice President, provided an update for the Student Leader Group on its position regarding the General Education Reform Proposal, now before the Faculty Council. The students expressed support for a number of items contained within the proposal including its Learning Beyond the Classroom component, easier transferability of courses, a greater emphasis on diversity, and a reduced number of credit hours necessary to complete the Gen Ed requirements.

Association of Michigan Universities (AMU) Conference

The Committee received a report from Robert Murkowski on the Association of Michigan Universities (AMU) conference hosted at EMU in mid-November. More than 90 student government delegates from Michigan's 15 public universities attended the two-day conference. Topics included increasing their involvement with the President's Council of State Universities, opposing Public Act 118, establishing a committee to plan a strategic implementation of a student regent in the State and lobbying the State Appropriations Committee for increased higher education funding.

Student Regent

Laura Quashnie, Campus Life Council representative, expressed the Student Leader Group's concern with a Student Government bill calling for a student regent and took issue with the bill's premise that student voices are not well represented to the Board of Regents at EMU. The bill was vetoed by Student Body President Edward Davis II and sent back to the House and Senate for additional research. Pending that additional research, the Student Leader Group expressed an unwillingness to take an official position on the bill at this time.

Alcohol Summit

Elizabeth Garvin, Panhellenic Council president, presented a report on the recent Alcohol Summit sponsored by the North-American Interfraternity Conference and attended by executive board members from all three Greek Councils and chapter officers from 29 different Greek organizations. The intended outcome is to develop an action plan to confront and effectively address the issues associated with high risk drinking in the Greek campus community.

Domestic Partner Benefits

Sarah Armstrong, LGBT Representative, presented the Student Leader Group's position paper in support of domestic partner benefits offered by the University to faculty and staff. Laura Quashnie moved that the Student Affairs Committee vote to endorse the position paper. The motion was seconded by Kelly Basden, RHA President and passed with unanimous support.

Presidential Search Process

A number of Student Leader Group members expressed their dissatisfaction that only two students are serving on the Regents Advisory Committee which is overseeing the presidential search process. They also expressed concern with the structure of the Listening Sessions. Regent Brandon, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee and a Regent Presidential Search Coordinator, urged Student Leader Group members to let students know that she and Dennis Beagen (chair of the Regents Advisory Committee) are available via e-mail and telephone and she commended the students for the respectful way in which they brought forward their concerns.

Faculty Use of Class Time for Other than Course-Related Discussion

Robert Murkowski, speaking on behalf of the Student Leader Group, expressed appreciation to the Faculty Council for relaying to their respective departments the students' concerns related to faculty use of classroom time for other than course-related discussion.

Announcements

- Paul Dean Webb, Director, Office of International Students, introduced Ms. Angela Beskow who accepted the position of International Student Advisor.
- Kelly Basden, president of the Residence Hall Association, announced that the University has reached an agreement with Napster to provide students, faculty and staff with the ability to listen and download music without violating the recording industry copyright laws. Thanks to the efforts of Matt Calfin in Housing and Rocky Jenkins in ICT, the program will be piloted for the Winter 2005 semester. A gift from a private anonymous donor will enable residence hall students to receive the Napster service at no cost. Commuter students will have access to the service for \$10 for the semester and faculty and staff will be able to purchase the service for \$7 per month.
- In a follow-up to the September Student Affairs Committee meeting, Robert Murkowski reported that he will be serving on the task force to review the Faculty Course Evaluation system.
- The Committee recognized Regent Rosalyn Griffin, whose term on the Board of Regents December 31, 2004, for her work on the Student Affairs Committee and for her commitment to Eastern Michigan University.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Teri L. Papp
Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary