

SECTION 16
DATE: November 14, 2006

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

MONTHLY REPORT
EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for November 14, 2006 and the Minutes of the September 19, 2006 meeting be received and placed on file.

SUMMARY

The primary items for the November 14, 2006 Educational Policies Committee meeting include: (1) Emeritus Staff Status, (2) Emeritus Faculty Status, (3) Academic Retirements/Separations, (4) Faculty Promotions, (5) Charter School Board Member Appointments, (6) Update on the Continuous Improvement and Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) (7) Honorary Degree Recipient.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal impact of the actions taken is listed in the appropriate sections and in the Board minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive ~~Officer~~
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents

Educational Policies Committee

November 14, 2006

1:45 – 2:30 p.m.

205 Welch Hall

AGENDA

Consent Agenda

- Section 10 Emeritus Staff Status (*Donald Loppnow*)
- Section 11 Emeritus Faculty Status (*Donald Loppnow*)
- Section 12 Academic Retirements/Separations (*Rhonda Longworth*)
- Section 13 Faculty Promotions (*Rhonda Longworth*)
- Section 14 Charter School Board Member Appointments (*Joe Pollack*)

Regular Agenda

- Section 16 Monthly Report and Minutes (*Regent Rothwell*)
- Section 17 Update on the Continuous Improvement & Academic Quality
Improvement Program (AQIP) (*Ellen Gold*)
- Section 18 Honorary Degree Recipient (*Rhonda DeLong*)

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
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EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 19, 2006
1:45-2:30 p.m., 201 Welch Hall

Attendees: (seated at tables) Regent Rothwell (Chair), Provost Loppnow, Rhonda Longworth, Regent Valvo, Regent Sidlik

Guests: (as signed in) D. Beagen, D. Bennion, J. Boyless, M. Byrd, P. Carter, D. deLaski-Smith, L. Findley, H. Höft, B. Lahidji, M. Marz, R. Neely, C. Popp, J. Schulz, D. Tanguay, W. Tornquist, P. Williams

Regent Sharon Rothwell convened the meeting at 1:46 p.m..

Emeritus Staff Status (Section 9)

Donald Loppnow, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff Status to four (4) staff members.

Emeritus Faculty Status (Section 10)

Dr. Loppnow recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to two (2) former faculty members listed on the report supplied to the Board.

Academic Separations/Retirements (Section 11)

Rhonda Longworth, interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Human Resources and Divisional Budget, recommended that the Board of Regents approve 65 separations for the reporting period June 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.

Faculty Tenure Appointments (Section 12)

Dr. Longworth recommended that the Board of Regents approve the granting of tenure, effective beginning with the 2006 fall semester, for two (2) faculty members.

Faculty New Hire Appointments (Section 13)

Dr. Longworth recommended that the Board of Regents approve one (1) new tenure-track faculty appointment for the 2006-2007 academic year at the rank, salary, and effective date shown on the listings supplied to the Board.

Lecturer Promotions (Section 14)

Dr. Longworth recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the report entitled Promotion of Lecturers for 2006-2007.

Full Time Lecturer Appointments (Section 15)

Dr. Longworth recommended that the Board of Regents approve four (4) new lecturer appointments for the 2006-2007 academic year at the ranks, salaries, and effective dates shown on the listing supplied to the Board.

Monthly Report and Minutes (Section 17)

Regent Rothwell recommended that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for September 19, 2006 and the Minutes of the June 20, 2006 meeting be received and placed on file.

Analysis of Instructional Measures (Section 18)

Dr. Loppnow requested that the Educational Policies Committee receive and place on file the report entitled *Analysis of Instructional Measures, FY 1996-2006*. This report was created in response to a request coming from the Board at the special July meeting. Dr. Loppnow explained the report and what it represented.

Regent Rothwell had a question about trends on the report. The percentage of courses taught by tenure-track faculty shows a reduction over time even though the number of tenure-track faculty has not decreased, and Regent Rothwell wondered if there was some activity that could explain that. Dr. Loppnow replied that it is true that this appears in the report, though if the percentages of tenure-track and full-time lecturers are combined, the resultant figure is roughly on par with where it was ten years ago in the tenure-track category. He went on to describe the variables that would result in this shift: (a) it is more typical that tenure-track faculty teach upper-division and graduate courses, which have a smaller enrollment per section, and in many of these courses the time invested counts towards work load as the equivalent of more than one section despite the small class size; (b) there has been an increase in the numbers of regular tenure-track faculty who are on assigned time or release-time for research projects and other types of special assignments; (c) the decrease reflects the slippage in gross student credit hours produced by the university overall over the last several years. Regent Rothwell remarked that she was concerned about this trend in particular as the high percentage of EMU courses that are taught by tenure-track faculty is one of our selling points, in seeking both funding and enrollment, and this decrease bears further examination. Dr. Loppnow pointed out that these data don't answer the question of how many sections are taught by tenure-track faculty; rather they just address the proportion of student credit hours, but those data could be produced for the Board. Regent Sidlik asked how this number compares with other MAC schools. Dr. Loppnow answered that it was quite comparable.

Regent Rothwell asked the other Regents present if there is any other information that should be included. They seemed satisfied

Regent Rothwell thanked those in attendance, and adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Akosua Slough, Administrative Secretary
Academic Affairs