

BOARD OF REGENTS

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 6

DATE:

April 1, 2008

RECOMMENDATION

MONTHLY REPORT & MINUTES **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for April 1, 2008 and the Minutes of January 15, 2008 be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

At the January 15, 2008 meeting the Student Affairs Committee received a progress report on the Student Leader Group's 2007-08 priorities including: 1) tuition and economic issues, 2) enhanced student involvement/school spirit, 3) communication/student reps on key committees, 4) expanded library hours/lab hours/technology, and 5) signage and marketing. The committee also received a very positive report from the Student Leader Group regarding university safety and security.

The April 1, 2008 agenda includes: Women's Center staffing; Parking; Access Services Update; and Diversity & Community Involvement Update.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

Bernice A. Lindke
University Executive Officer

March 13, 2008
Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, April 1, 2008
1:45 p.m.

Agenda

Room 201
Welch Hall

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| 1. Approval of January 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes | Regent Hawks |
| 2. Women's Center Staffing | Allison Sheppard |
| 3. Statement on Parking | Joshua Lyon |
| 4. Access Services Update | Patricia Wade/ Glenna Frank Miller |
| 5. Diversity & Community Involvement Report | Kay Woodiel |
| 6. Announcements | |
| 7. Other | |

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 15, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Regents: Gary Hawks

Administration: Bernice Lindke, Mike Erwin, Glenna Frank Miller, Gregory Peoples

Students: Christopher Bylone, Kyle Caldwell, Greg Jones, Josh Lyon, Derek Martin, Allison Sheppard, Timinica Smith, Samantha Solis, Jasmine Stock, Kristen Virgin, Patricia Wade

GUESTS

Regents: Tom Sidlik

Administration: Meredith Blaine, Noah Borton, Dave Carroll, Jayne Carroll, Carlos Costa, Brian Fitzgerald, Larry Gates, Melissa Ginotti, Tom Green, Jesús Hernández, Ann Klaes, Elaine Logan, Cathie McClure, Jeff Nesmith, Greg O'Dell, Stephanie Percy, Barnaby Pung, Gretchen Sanchez, Lewis Savage, William Shell, Kathy Walz, Gretchen Ward, Ron Woody, Pam Young

Students: Sarah Blakeslee, Deepak Sharma, Jason Taylor, Karen Travis

Regent Hawks convened the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Minutes of the November 27, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

Student Leader Group Priorities Update

The Student Affairs Committee received a progress report on the Student Leader Group's 2007-2008 priorities.

- Greg Jones, Student Body President, reported that tuition and economic issues are at the forefront of Student Leader Group discussions. He expressed the SLG's appreciation for the voice they've been given on the recently created Budget Council. Christopher Bylone, Graduate Student representative, expressed concern that the number of graduate assistantships has been substantially reduced as a cost-cutting measure and requested that they be built back into the base budget.
- Derek Martin, IFC President, reported that many strides have been made this year to enhance student involvement and school spirit by providing an exceptional out-of-classroom experience, including:
 - creation of Eagle Nation, football tailgates and pre-basketball parties
 - creation of the Sky Lounge Nightclub, an alcohol-free nightclub, at the Student Center
 - Greek Life events
 - creation of the new student organization website which will serve as a rich resource for recognized student organizations
 - Educational and entertaining RHA programmingRHA President Allison Sheppard expressed concern that the University is being misrepresented in the media because so much of what is positive goes unreported.
- Jasmine Stock, LGBT representative, reported that the Student Leader Group is pleased with the university's commitment to increasing communication and student representation on key

committees. Currently students sit on a number of high-level search committees, including the President and Chief of Police as well as a number of university-wide standing committees including the Diversity Council, Safety Committee, and AQIP.

- Timinica Smith, Commuter Student Association president, expressed appreciation to ICT on behalf of the Student Leader Group. In response to their position paper presented at the last Student Affairs Committee, ICT has delayed implementation of the new per page printing limit until Spring/Summer 2008 and has increased the printing limit for graduate students and students with disabilities to accommodate their special printing needs. The Student Leader Group will now focus its efforts on increasing the library's budget so that critical databases and research resources can be maintained.
- Samantha Solis, Panhellenic Council President, reported that the Student Leader Group is excited by the University's new brand campaign and logo and is actively working to promote them. They will continue to focus on the need for additional kiosks and information boards on campus as well as improved signage at the Student Center.

Safety and Security Update

The Committee received a very thorough update provided on behalf of the Student Leader Group by Allison Sheppard, president of the Residence Hall Association regarding university safety and security. The update outlined a number of safety initiatives and enhancements that have been made over the past year, particularly in the residence halls.

Announcements

- Student Body President Greg Jones provided a brief report on the press conference jointly sponsored and arranged by the Student Leader Group and Student Government just prior to the semester break. The students' effort to counteract the negative media the University has received was attended by several major news outlets.
- Samantha Solis reported that the January 14 RHA fundraising event raised almost \$1000 to benefit "Share Laura's Hope," a humanitarian organization created to honor Laura Dickinson and her passion to support HIV victims in Africa. She also invited members of the EMU community to participate in the Greek Life "Moonlight Mile" on January 31st to benefit the Playground Project at Paradise Manor. One half of the \$18,000 goal has been raised to date.
- Timinica Smith, CSA President and member of the MLK Day Planning Committee invited the EMU community to attend the many programs and activities planned for this year's week-long celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King that culminates with the President's Luncheon on Monday, January 21.
- Regent Haws commented that today's meeting marks the completion of his first year as Chair of the Student Affairs Committee. He expressed pride in serving with such a fine group of students.
- Bernice Lindke, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, announced that a campus memorial service for Don Anderson, director of Access Services, will be held January 24, 2008, 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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