

BOARD OF REGENTS

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to four (4) former faculty members listed on the attached report.

STAFF SUMMARY

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between Eastern Michigan University and the Eastern Michigan University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) provides that a faculty member who has served the University for at least fifteen (15) years may be nominated for Emeritus Faculty Status upon retirement.

The nomination for this individual has received the support of the department head, the dean of the college, and the Provost and Executive Vice President.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive Officer
Provost and Executive Vice President

12-8-2010
Date

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS RECOMMENDATION
December 16, 2010**

Lora Durham

Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics from 1982-2010
(18 years)

Masters	Eastern Michigan University
Baccalaureate	Eastern Michigan University

John A. Edgren

Professor, Department of Economics from 1979-2011
(32 years)

Doctoral	University of Michigan
Masters	N/A
Baccalaureate	Grinnell College

Gary L. Evans

Professor, Department of Communication from 1964-2010
(45 years)

Doctoral	University of Michigan
Masters	University of Michigan
Baccalaureate	Wayne State University

Robert K. Neely

Professor, Department of Biology from 1984-2011
(25 years)

Doctoral	Iowa State University
Masters	Baylor University
Baccalaureate	Iowa State University



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Division of Academic Affairs

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EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department of MATHEMATICS recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Faculty Status** for the following retiring/retired faculty member:

Name of Faculty Member: Lora Durham

Current Status/Rank at EMU: Assistant Professor

Date of Hire at EMU: 09/01/1982 Retirement Date: April 2010

Number of Years at EMU: 18 (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Please complete the following information on the retiring faculty member for whom you are submitting this recommendation. This information is needed for inclusion in the EMU Faculty/Staff/Student Directory.

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: B.S. / EMU / 1971

Masters: Masters / EMU / 1973

Doctoral: _____

Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this Form

Emeritus Faculty status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. The above information will be kept on file in the Provost's Office.

Dr. Carla Tayeh 10/15/10
Recommended by (please print) Date

10/15/10
Department Head Date

11-3-10
Dean Date

11/4/2010 December 16, 2010
Provost Date Date Submitted to Board of Regents

Please forward this completed form to: Nicki Banush
Academic Affairs, 106 Welch Hall

Eastern Michigan University
Department of Mathematics

October 21, 2010

It is my honor to nominate Lora Durham for emeritus faculty status.

Lora Durham has long ties to Eastern Michigan University. She was a graduate teaching fellow in the Department of Mathematics in 1971-73 while completing graduate studies in mathematics. She taught for several years in the Ann Arbor Public Schools before returning to Eastern Michigan University to teach full time in our department. Lora taught the undergraduate mathematics sequence before eventually gravitating to the mathematics education area where she remained for most of her career at Eastern Michigan University.

Additionally, Lora served as President of the Autism Society of Washtenaw County, 1997 – 2008, and was a member on the Board of Directors of the Autism Society of Michigan, 1997 - 2007. During this time she served as a parent advocate, answering questions for parents with children recently diagnosed with autism. Of her time as a parent advocate, Lora said, “Sometimes parents want someone that will listen to and understand their concerns, however, I could also provide them with information about services and direct them to parent support groups.”

As a mathematic educator at Eastern Michigan University, Lora modeled for her students teaching strategies and accommodations that they could implement to meet the needs of all students.

It is my pleasure to support Lora Durham’s nomination for emeritus faculty status.

Sincerely,

Carla Tayeh
Interim Department Head



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EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department of ECONOMICS recommends the awarding of Emeritus Faculty Status for the following retiring/retired faculty member:

Name of Faculty Member: Dr John A Edgren

Current Status/Rank at EMU: Professor of Economics

Date of Hire at EMU: _____ Retirement Date: 31 Aug 2011

Number of Years at EMU: 32 tenure track (Minimum of 15 years of service required) 34 including work as lecturer

Please complete the following information on the retiring faculty member for whom you are submitting this recommendation. This information is needed for inclusion in the EMU Faculty/Staff/Student Directory.

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: Brinnell College / 1963

Masters: NA

Doctoral: University of Michigan / 1979

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Recommended by (please print)

11/9/10
Date

Department Head

11/18/10
Date

Dean

11-22-10
Date

11/30/10
Date

December 16, 2010
Date Submitted to Board of Regents

Please forward this completed form to: Nicki Banush
Academic Affairs, 106 Welch Hall

18 November 2010,

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We are pleased to recommend that Professor John Edgren be awarded the status of an Emeritus faculty member. He deserves this recognition for his many years of dedicated service to his Department, his College, his University, to his profession and to his students.

During his 32 years as a professor at EMU, John Edgren has distinguished himself as a colleague, a scholar, and an educator of the highest quality. His many accomplishments in all of the areas that comprise our professional responsibilities - teaching, academic advising, scholarly activity, and service- are too numerous to enumerate. The following examples are particularly noteworthy:

1. He has taught an impressive variety of undergraduate and graduate courses to thousands of students during his career. His teaching fields have included both macroeconomics and microeconomics, and have ranged from natural resource economics and environmental economics to the economics of crime.
2. He has served the Department and its students as the Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies.
3. He has published a number of scholarly papers in journals and presented numerous times at professional conferences. He particularly devoted himself to applying rigorous economic analysis to environmental and social issues.
4. He has served the Department by coordinating its Program Review activities.
5. He has served the College as a member of the College Advisory Council for many years.
6. He has served both the University and the community as Co-Director of the Ypsilanti-Eastern Michigan University Community Outreach Partnership Center.
7. He has served the University and the community through his appointment by the Governor to the Environmental Protection Policy Advisory Committee of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
8. He has served the University and the community as Vice-Chair of the Washtenaw County Hazardous Substances Committee, and as Chair of its Subcommittee on Planning and Preparedness.

Professor Edgren has been a respected and valued colleague. He has served on countless committees over the years. He often has been the one to volunteer to bear the burden of writing an evaluation, a report, or a document, and he has always fulfilled the task in an efficient and timely fashion. He has been a mentor to junior faculty members. His equanimity, wit and good humor have contributed immensely to the quality of life in the Department.

We have had the pleasure and good fortune to work by his side, and now we have the pleasure and honor of nominating John Edgren for Emeritus faculty status.

Steven C. Hayworth, Ph.D.

Kemper Moreland, Ph.D.



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EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Faculty Status** for the following retiring/retired faculty member:

Name of Faculty Member: Dr. Gary L. Evans

Current Status/Rank at EMU: Professor of Communication

Date of Hire at EMU: 1/1/1964 Retirement Date: 1/4/2010

Number of Years at EMU: 45 (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Please complete the following information on the retiring faculty member for whom you are submitting this recommendation. This information is needed for inclusion in the EMU Faculty/Staff/Student Directory.

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: Wayne State University

Masters: University of Michigan

Doctoral: University of Michigan

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Dr. Doris Fields and Professor Judy Sturgis Hill 11/19/10

Recommended by (please print) _____ Date _____

Department Head _____

11-18-10
Date

Dean

11-22-10
Date

Provost _____

11-30-10
Date

December 16, 2010
Date Submitted to Board of Regents

Please forward this completed form to: **Nicki Banush**
Academic Affairs, 106 Welch Hall

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November 18, 2010

To: Thomas ~~Venner~~, Dean
College of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Jack ~~Kay~~, Provost
And Executive Vice President
Academic Affairs

From: Dennis M. Beag ~~Dr~~
Communication, Media & Theatre Arts

Subject: Strongest Recommendation of Dr. Gary Evans for Emeritus Faculty Status

Students and colleagues alike wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Gary L. Evans for EMU emeritus faculty status. Professor Evans began teaching at Eastern Michigan University in January, 1964. After some 45 years of distinguished service, Dr. Evans will retire from EMU and the Department of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts on January 4, 2011.

Since his very first class, Professor Gary Evans has been a devoted, student-centered teacher who is passionate for learning. He once commented –

"There is a passage in the Palestinian Talmud that says, 'I learn from my teachers. I learn from my colleagues more than my teachers and I learn from my students most of all.'"

Professor Evans' effectiveness in the classroom is legendary. He has received numerous awards for teaching – Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award II; EMU Alumni Association's Teaching Excellence Award; and the EMU Continuing Education – Educator of the Year Award. Students and alumni would all agree that Professor Evans was indeed an exceptional classroom teacher.

Professor Evans' incredible impact goes far beyond the classroom. He is one of EMU's most dynamic advocates for student needs and concerns. He has served as faculty advisor to hundreds of student groups, offered countless workshops and presentations, and provided academic and personal counseling to thousands of EMU students. Dr. Evans has dedicated himself to understanding, appreciation and treasuring all values and cultures. He and his wife Katie created and fund the annual Strand Evans Diversity Award.

Professor Evans has been recognized for his lifelong commitment to the University with the following awards:

- *2005 Gold Medallion Award – Division of Student Affairs
- *2004 Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award

*2001 CAS Teaching Excellence Award

*1967 EMU Student Government Outstanding Faculty Member Award

Dr. Gary Evans' distinguished career is a testimony to his commitment to students, to colleagues, and to the University as a whole. He has devoted his life to Eastern Michigan University and we have all benefitted from his energy, his passion, and his caring for others. Students and colleagues look forward to celebrating Dr. Gary Evans being awarded emeritus faculty status at the December 16 meeting of the EMU Board of Regents.



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EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department of BIOLOGY recommends the awarding of Emeritus Faculty Status for the following retiring/retired faculty member:

Name of Faculty Member: Robert K. Neely

Current Status/Rank at EMU: Professor of Biology

Date of Hire at EMU: 08/29/1984 Retirement Date: 01/04/2011

Number of Years at EMU: 25yr 4mo (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Please complete the following information on the retiring faculty member for whom you are submitting this recommendation. This information is needed for inclusion in the EMU Faculty/Staff/Student Directory.

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: BS. Southwest Baptist College 1976

Masters: MS Baylor University 1978

Doctoral: PhD Iowa State University 1982

Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this Form

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GLENN WALKER
Recommended by (please print) / Date 11/09/2010

Department Head / Date 11.9.10 Dean 11-22-10 Date
11/30/10 Date Submitted to Board of Regents December 16, 2010

Please forward this completed form to: Nicki Banush
Academic Affairs, 106 Welch Hall

Bob Neely earned an "excellent" rating in all three categories on his tenure evaluation and never looked back. More important than his representation on paper, which reflects extraordinary competence, dedication and performance, was his day-to-day, unreported activity for the Department. Bob served as the energy source for overcoming an enormous amount of Departmental inertia. For example, Bob's energy built a Tri Beta (honorary biological society) Chapter for students at EMU, maintained Sigma Xi activities, organized yearly Departmental picnics, and a score of other activities.

Bob's research skills in the area of wetlands decomposition biology are well recognized in the University and internationally. He has authored or co-authored extra-mural grants that have attracted nearly \$1.5M to the Biology Department and has authored 27 peer-reviewed journal articles, with several more in preparation. His lab skills are well honed (in fact legend among the grad students) and, refreshingly, he welcomes and seeks out opportunities to learn new techniques. His research approach is creative and careful. Combining these skills with one of the most talented scientific intellects we've encountered resulted in an exceptional research scientist for our department. With the research dollars he helped attract, Bob helped build a remarkable "wetlands biology" segment to our department.

As Graduate Coordinator for our department, Bob revamped the position and made it user friendly to both graduate students and faculty. His affability, administrative skills, quiet competence and accessibility transformed our graduate program into one of the best on campus. Bob left the Graduate Coordinator position to take the position of Interim Department Head on the heels of an overwhelmingly faculty vote in his favor. In this position, Bob also excelled. He won the position after a national search for a Head.

Bob was also one of the very *best* instructors in our Department. He has a broad knowledge of ecology and students raved about his course and lecturing ability. His tireless, creative teaching efforts earned him Distinguished Teaching Awards and propelled our ecology program to one of the best in the state.

Colleagues like Bob made us look forward to going to work in the morning and enthusiastic about contributing extra to our joint efforts to make our department the best it can be. We miss his presence, but his legacy lives on.

As a final note, Bob shows virtuosity as a banjo and guitar player, and real talent as a basketball player - he's deceptive at 5' 11", but has a deadly jump shot from anywhere on the court. He's also known for designing and constructing his own kayaks, as well as his abilities in carpentry and wood-carving.