

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERISTY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**April 14, 2011**

These are the proposed minutes of the April 14, 2011 Board of Regents meeting.

The meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Wilbanks at 4:01 p.m. in Room 201, Welch Hall, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The Board Members present were:

Regent Floyd Clack, Regent Beth Fitzsimmons, Regent Michael Hawks, Regent Mike Morris, Vice Chair Francine Parker, Regent James Stapleton and Chair Roy Wilbanks.

The Board Member absent was: Regent Thomas Sidlik.

**TAB A**

**OPEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary Reaume announced that 12 people requested to address the Board of Regents. One speaker cancelled. There were 11 confirmed speakers. Each speaker was given up to 3 minutes to speak.

Matt Evett (University Faculty Senate) – status report of the University Faculty Senate

David Crary (Faculty) – The EMU budget and the cut in state appropriations

Jodi Wallo – Contract for part-time faculty

Renita Frazier (EMU Federation of Teachers) – EMU FT Contract for PT Faculty

Regina George – Continued support for EMU's Doctor of Urban Educational Studies program

Nicole Carter – The consolidation or elimination of the PhD program in Educational Studies

Carmen Stokes – The future of the Doctoral Program in Education Studies and the importance of developing Nursing faculty and nursing leaders in the community

Daniel Jacobson and Ellen Koch – The value of PhD education for EMU and its students

Susan Moeller (EMU-AAUP) – Programs and budget cuts

Antonio Cosme (Outgoing Student Body President) – current Student Government initiatives and year end wrap-up

Samino Scott – Proposal for the elimination of the Educational Studies PhD program

## **TAB B**

President's Report  
**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
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Good afternoon. As students complete the academic year, more than 2,300 of our seniors are preparing for their next big step – graduation on Saturday – a celebration of student success and achievement. I would like to acknowledge the faculty and staff who have helped guide our graduates to this important milestone in their lives. Commencement speakers are successful alumni Steven Tapper, partner and vice president of Tapper's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry, and Robert Skandalaris, owner of Quantum Ventures of Michigan, LLC.

Today we are recommending for Board of Regents' approval a modest increase in room and board rates of an aggregate 2.15 percent. This will allow us to respond to rising food and infrastructure costs that were not addressed in last year's "0, 0, 0" budget, as well as necessary upgrades to aging facilities, while still providing a competitive rate.

We are reinvigorating strategic planning and are engaged in campus-wide budget planning for the 2012 fiscal year to address the 15 percent reduction in state funding proposed by Governor Snyder. Yesterday we held a second budget retreat with the Board of Regents to discuss the components of our budget and receive their guidance and input. Chairman Wilbanks is going to appoint an ad hoc committee of the Board to work with the leadership team in developing a budget recommendation for the Board of Regents to adopt at their June meeting.

At the same time, individual divisions and departments, the University Budget Council, and the Faculty Senate are analyzing budgets and providing ideas to save money and better allocate our resources to provide a great education at an affordable price. We held a campus budget forum on March 17, the seventh conducted since summer 2009, where we outlined the guiding principles that provide the foundation for the budget development process. They are:

- Resource allocation focused on growth and building on momentum
- Academic quality and campus safety and security are top priorities
- Recognize importance of re-investment in aging facilities
- Participation and ownership of need to reduce expenditures significantly

- Budget structurally balanced and sustainable

We also outlined our approach to the process, which includes:

- Transparent, frequent communication with full campus engagement
- Re-assessment of all we do and how we do it

On March 16, I testified before both the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education. In the testimony I cited my own example – growing up on a farm and attending a one-room schoolhouse – as that of someone who benefited from scholarship help and state taxpayers’ support of Michigan’s public universities.

Fall enrollment projections appear strong. Applications from first-time students are up 28 percent over last year at this time (increase of 2,541), transfer applications are up 25 percent (increase of 467), and graduate applications are up 15 percent (increase of 320).

I am pleased to introduce Kevin Kucera, our new Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. He formerly was at the University of Toledo. This is an important addition to our leadership team as he brings significant expertise in the area of enrollment management and experience at one of our key competitors in the region.

Other recent highlights include:

- On April 1, Eastern staged the student conference, “Conversations on Race.” The event included participation by Regents Floyd Clack and Jim Stapleton, and a keynote address by University of Pennsylvania history professor Thomas Sugrue.
- The third annual *Cesar Chavez Celebration* was held March 31<sup>st</sup> with a keynote address by author Luis Rodriguez.
- Our annual Week of Excellence, held March 21-25, celebrates the wonderful work of our students, faculty, and staff. The week offered a chance to recognize various segments of the University for great work, including our distinguished faculty awards. Honorees included Ruth Ann Armitage (chemistry), Stephen Blair (mathematics), Daniel Brickner (accounting), Amy Flanagan Johnson (chemistry), Christopher Robbins (teacher education) and Lee Stille (communication, media and theatre arts).
- Eastern’s fifth-annual Ethos Week featured WJR radio’s Paul W. Smith broadcast from the College of Business and a keynote address by U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade.

- Robert Winning, a professor of biology at Eastern, was named a “Distinguished Professor of the Year” by the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan. Professor Winning was one of four winners selected from the state’s 15 public universities.
- Eastern students elected a new President and Vice President of Student Government for 2011-2012. They are Jelani McGadney and Jeff Chicoine. Jelani McGadney is a senior studying international affairs. Jeff Chicoine is a junior who has been actively engaged on campus despite a 35-mile daily commute, and will bring the perspective of non-traditional and commuter student life to the office.
- The Eastern Women’s basketball team had a terrific run in the WNIT postseason tournament. They beat Michigan 67-59 at the Convocation Center. The team then beat UNC-Wilmington before falling to Syracuse in a “Sweet 16” matchup.

Athletic Director Derrick Gragg is making excellent progress in the search for our new men’s basketball coach with many well-qualified candidates from whom to choose.

The Invest. Inspire. capital campaign has \$41.7 million toward the \$50 million goal. The annual spring fund drive is underway. More than 17,000 alumni will receive direct calls; 20,000 will receive direct mail solicitations; and 45,000 will receive email solicitations. In the meantime, WEMU set an all-time record in its spring pledge drive with \$162,000 donated.

Chairman Wilbanks, this concludes my report.

Thank you.

Susan Martin

## **Section 1**

### **RESOLUTION: DR. ROBERT S. WINNING**

Regent Parker moved and Regent Morris seconded to recommend the Board approve the Resolution recognizing Dr. Robert S. Winning. Dr. Winning was recently named a Michigan Professor of the Year for 2010 by the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan. Dr. Winning serves as professor of Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

### **Motion Carried**

## **Section 2**

### **RESOLUTION: RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION**

Regent Fitzsimmons moved and Regent Parker seconded to recommend the Board approve the Resolution recognizing the Residence Hall Association. The Residence Hall Association recently received the 2010 Program of the Year Award from the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls and went on to place in the top five programs for the 2011 National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

#### **Motion Carried**

## **Section 3**

### **RESOLUTION: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Clack seconded to recommend the Board approve the Resolution recognizing the Women's Basketball Team. The Women's Basketball Team posted a program-best ever 24 victories and the Eagles earned their second consecutive postseason berth in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

#### **Motion Carried**

## **Section 4**

### **RESOLUTION: PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR ADVANCING EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

Regent Parker moved and Regent Wilbanks seconded to recommend the Board approve the Resolution recognizing the Presidential Awards for Advancing Eastern Michigan University. These awards were instituted during the Invest. Inspire. Campaign in order to recognize individuals and organizations that advance EMU through philanthropy and strategic investment and who have substantially contributed to the preservation and growth of University resources. The following were recognized: Ed and Suzanne Jakeway for Advancing Philanthropy; Dennis Beagen for Faculty and Staff Leadership in Advancement; and the following were recognized for Community Partnership: Kirk Profit and Michael Hawks – Governmental Consultant Services, Inc.; Brenda Stumbo – Ypsilanti Township; Bob Tetens – Washtenaw County; and Sabrina Gross – Community Volunteer.

#### **Motion Carried**

## **Section 5**

### **PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Regent Clack moved and Regent Fitzsimmons seconded that the proposed minutes be approved as submitted.

#### **Motion Carried**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Parker seconded that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved (sections 6-10).

## **Section 6**

### **Staff Appointments**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 12 staff appointments for the reporting period of February 1, 2011 – March 31, 2011.

## **Section 7**

### **Staff Separations/Retirements**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 8 separations and retirements for the reporting period February 1, 2011 – March 31, 2011.

## **Section 8**

### **Charter Schools Annual Report**

Recommended that the 2009-10 Charter Schools Annual Report be received and placed on file.

## **Section 9**

### **Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degree Recipients**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve Steven Tapper as commencement speaker at the Saturday, April 16, 2011 morning commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts to Mr. Tapper. It is also recommended that the Board of Regents approve Robert Skandalaris as commencement speaker at the Saturday, April 16, 2011 afternoon ceremony. In addition,

it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Public Service to Mr. Skandalaris.

**Section 10**

**OMB Circular A-133 Supplementary Financial Reports for the Year Ended June 30, 2010**

Recommended that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the OMB Circular A-133 Supplementary Financial Reports for the Year Ended June 30, 2010.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 11**

**MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES - STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Regent Fitzsimmons moved and Regent Morris seconded that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for April 14, 2011 and the Minutes of February 15, 2011 be received and placed on file.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 12**

**MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES - ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Athletic Affairs Committee Agenda for April 14, 2011 and the February 15, 2011 Minutes be received and placed on file.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 13**

**MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES - FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Regent Parker moved and Regent Stapleton seconded that the Faculty Affairs Committee Agenda for April 14, 2011 and the Minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting be received and placed on file.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 14**

**MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES – EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE**

Regent Parker moved and Regent Fitzsimmons seconded that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for April 14, 2011 and the Minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting be received and placed on file.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 15**

**REPORT: 2011-2012 SABBATICAL LEAVE AWARDS**

It was moved by Regent Parker and seconded by Regent Clack to accept and place on file the report on 2011-2012 sabbatical leaves.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 16**

**MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES - FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the Minutes from the February 15, 2011 Finance and Audit Committee meeting, the agenda for the April 14, 2011 meeting and the Informational Reports and Financial Updates.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 17**

**PRAY-HARROLD RESOLUTION**

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents approve the resolution approving a construction and completion assurance agreement, a conveyance of property, a lease and an easement agreement for the Pray-Harrold renovation project.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 18**

**OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH EMU FOUNDATION AND EVALUATION PLAN**

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Parker seconded that the Board of Regents approve a one-year extension of the operating agreement between Eastern Michigan University and the Eastern Michigan University Foundation.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 19**

**FY12 ROOM, BOARD AND APARTMENT RATES**

It was moved by Regent Stapleton and seconded by Regent Parker that the Board of Regents approve the 2011-12 rates for residence halls, meals plans, and apartments.

**Motion Carried**

Regent Wilbanks called for any further business to be brought before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Reaume  
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents