

PROVOST'S REMARKS TO THE BOARD: APRIL 20 EDUCATIONAL POLICIES MEETING

In addition to the items listed on the agenda for this meeting, we are pleased to present some updates in key areas:

SEARCHES

- Faculty: we are in the process of reviewing requests submitted by the colleges for faculty positions for the 2018-2019 academic year. For the 2017-2018 academic year, of 38 positions approved, 24 offers have been accepted, 9 are still in the preliminary stages, and 5 have been failed or canceled. As you may recall, 26 faculty left in the previous academic year. The net difference of 12 represents an overlap between faculty on phased retirement and those who are replacing them, as well as anticipated retirements after the end of this year.
- On the staff side, we have concluded the searches for Director of Diversity and Community Involvement, and welcome Steven Bryant to that position, effective June 2 pending approval today. The dean search for the College of Arts and Sciences is nearing its conclusion.

HOUSING

- Housing recently deployed two surveys to students: a national survey called SKYFACTOR, and an EMU-created marketing survey to supplement the national one. Both are complete and we are in the process of analyzing the results, to move us more in the direction on data driven decision making. We will provide a full report on these surveys at an upcoming Board meeting.

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Honors: 19 students have accepted Presidential Scholarships and 2 are still pending for fall 2017, for a total of 221 Presidential Scholars anticipated. This number is consistent with numbers in recent years.

CURRICULUM & PROGRAMS

- As part of routine instructional accreditation, the Higher Learning Commission will conduct a site visit on the EMU campus on October 23 and 24, 2017. A mock site visit with external evaluator was held in November 2016, which was very helpful in preparing for the October visit. Teams are in the process of gathering data and finalizing a report, which is due to the HLC on September 1, 2017. Surveys of faculty and students are being administered; in addition, public comments are being sought per accreditation requirements through September 29, via a web site or US mail directly to the Higher Learning Commission.
 - The following programs are in the process of renewing their accreditations this year:
 - Speech Language Pathology – site visit was held in early March; report pending.
 - Athletic Training – site visit held in mid January, report received in March, rejoinder due in May.
 - Clinical Psychology – site visit held last week
- Congratulations to Speech Language Pathology and Athletic Training and to all who worked on their accreditation, for successful visits! We will share the results of the Clinical Psychology visit at the next opportunity.