

Hello Colleagues,

Summer is here and the campus is as quiet as you remember, preparing for the fall arrival of new students. Our emeritus association enjoyed a wonderful social and an active membership meeting in May. At this meeting a motion was made to merge the emeritus faculty and emeritus staff associations. Members present approved the motion and agreed to conducting separate online votes of all emeritus faculty and emeritus staff. The results are:

Faculty Yes 114 No 19
Staff Yes 63 No 0

The Executive Board will now make changes to the Constitution and By-laws to reflect this approved merger and present the changes at the membership meeting in October 2017. These changes will be voted on at the May 2018 membership meeting. Thanks to all of you who participated in the vote.

The Board of Regents met on Tuesday, June 27 and I have attached President Smith's remarks. Geoff Larcom provided the highlights of the meeting listed below:

Yesterday, Tuesday, June 27, in its regularly scheduled meeting, the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents approved the [FY18 General Fund Budget](#), along with setting tuition for the upcoming academic year.

Scott Wetherbee, Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs at Mississippi State University, was introduced as the [University's new Vice President, Director of Athletics](#).

In other action Tuesday, the Regents:

[Approved a new academic program in the growing field of religious studies](#)

[Approved contract agreements reached this month with the University's Professional/Technical and Police Sergeants unions](#)

[Approved Undergraduate Research Stimulus Awards for Winter 2017 and Summer 2017](#)

Approved contract extensions for [head swimming coach Peter Linn](#) and [head football coach Chris Creighton](#).

[In his regular report to the Regents](#), President James Smith discussed the General Fund Budget, noting the goals involved in establishing the budget, along with the University's continued emphasis on increasing financial aid. President Smith also noted many faculty and student achievements, and provided an overview of summer construction and renovation activity on campus.

You can view the Regents website [for complete documents from Tuesday's meeting.](#)

Best Regards,

Sally McCracken, President
Emeritus Association