

Emeritus Newsletter #81

Hello Colleagues

Spring has arrived. Our May membership meeting scheduled for May 11th from noon to three in 205 Welch and our Spring Social schedule for May 23rd from three to five in McKenny Ballroom are organized and ready to go. Please include one or both of these events on your busy calendars and take the opportunity to visit with your friends.

The Board of Regents met on Friday, April 20th. Geoff Larcom's highlights of the meeting are copied below, and I have attached a pdf of President Smith's remarks.

At today's (Friday, April 20) regular meeting of the EMU Board of Regents, the board [approved a wide variety of summer research and creative activity awards](#) for EMU faculty. The awards are \$12,000 for each research project or creative initiative.

The board also [approved the authorization of a Saginaw charter school](#), the Woodley Leadership Academy, founded by former University of Michigan and Pittsburgh Steelers football standout LaMarr Woodley.

In his [regular report to the Board of Regents](#), President James Smith noted that more than 2,600 graduates have registered for Saturday's upcoming commencement ceremonies.

"Commencement is the single day that represents the totality of the work of our students, as well as the expertise and talent of our outstanding faculty and staff who help guide our students every day in their pursuit of this milestone," President Smith said.

President Smith also spoke of Eastern's budget challenges and the reductions in varsity sports.

"The budget actions we have taken are painful, but necessary, as we work toward a balanced budget," he said. "The challenges, and our actions, are not unlike those happening at many universities around the country."

You can read [all of the documents from today's board meeting](#) on the Regents' website.

All the Best,

Sally McCracken, President
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association