

Emeritus Newsletter #86

Hello Colleagues,

With each newsletter that follows a Regents meeting, I will include the names of the new emeritus faculty and staff. Our new faculty members; Michael Paciorek, School of Health Promotion & Human Performance and Glenn K. Walker, Department of Biology. Our new staff members; Margaret Goodwin, Operations Services Specialist Senior, Office of Information Technology, Mark Monarch, Manager, Technical/Mechanical Trades & Utilities, Physical plant, Christina Davis, Administrative Assistant, Office of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts.

Our emeritus spring meeting will be on **Friday, May 10th in room 352 Student Center**. Please note the change in place. Our Spring Social will be on May 22nd in the McKenny Ballroom from 3:00-5:00 pm. You may park in the pay lot and use your gate card or if you have registered your license plate you may park in other available lots. If you are coming please RSVP to **Celia Murkowski** at emu_foundationevents@emich.edu or call **1.734.487.5634**

The Board of Regents met on April 23rd. I have copied the highlights from the meeting below and attached President Smith's report.

At today's (Tuesday, April 23) regular meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents, the Board: [Approved an agreement with the AAUP on a two-year contract extension](#)

The agreement covers approximately 650 tenured and tenure-track faculty, and was ratified by the EMU AAUP bargaining unit on March 29, 2019.

[Approved a new academic program: Master of Art in Teaching Special Education](#)

The new online graduate program will provide training to teachers and others interested in adding the skills required to meet the needs of special education students.

[Approved a new academic program: Bachelor of Science, Engineering, Technology and Workforce Education](#)

The extreme shortage of secondary education teachers in the United States results from a combination of factors, including the societal changes brought about by technology. This program intends to provide highly qualified educators to fill the growing shortage in this field.

[Approved Summer Research Awards for faculty](#)

The awards support 40 research projects undertaken by Eastern Michigan faculty members, who have been awarded individual \$12,000 stipends to pursue their respective projects this summer.

[Approved Dave Zilko as commencement speaker for Sunday, April 28 ceremonies](#)

Dave Zilko, CEO of FUEL Leadership, is an entrepreneur whose business experience in a variety of contexts, including with Garden Fresh Salsa, will be highly instructive to graduates.

[Heard a report on the sixth U.S. patent for Coatings Professor Vijay Mannari](#)

This patent was awarded for Dr. Mannari's work in developing corrosion-resistant coatings and the methods for preparing them.

The Board also took the following actions:

- [Approved several academic program phaseouts.](#)
- [Heard a presentation on the Undergraduate Symposium by Professor Harriet Lindsay and Amy Bearinger.](#)
- [Issued a resolution honoring this year's ACE Distinguished Woman in Higher Ed Award, EMU Assistant Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Chiara Hensley.](#)
- [Issued a resolution honoring the 2019 Week of Excellence Faculty Award Winners.](#)

In his [regular report to the Board of Regents](#), President James Smith noted Sunday's upcoming spring commencement ceremonies, a highlight of the academic year, along with citing the work of faculty members honored during the Week of Excellence and who've earned Summer Research Awards. President Smith also offered a construction update, and expressed appreciation for the work involved in reaching agreement on a two-year contract extension between the University and the AAUP.

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

All the Best,

Sally McCracken, President
EMU Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association