

Hello Colleagues,

At the Board of Regents meeting on December 13th the following faculty and staff were granted emeritus status: Linda Burilovich, Laura Davis, Jamin Eisenbach, Sylvia Sims Gray, Kimberly Anderson, Ruby Beckermeyer, William Beard, Claudette Braxton, Mary Ann Butkovich, Judy Massingill, Kirk Nagel, Bilal Sarsour, Katherine Schindler, Brian Steimel, Bonnie Taylor, Gary Thompson, Thomas Thompson and Tim White.

Your Executive Board wishes you a pleasant holiday season.

I have copied the information from the Board of Regents meeting below.

All the Best,

Sally McCracken, President
EMU Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association

To students, faculty and staff:

At today's regular meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents, the Board:

[Approved the annual Brickley Endowment Awards](#)

EMU faculty will undertake a variety of scholarly, creative and professional development activities through the 2019 Brickley endowment awards. The endowment is funding 15 projects this year, disbursing more than \$56,000. Seventy two faculty projects have received funding from the program since the first award cycle in 2017.

[Approved a new, 100-percent donor funded indoor training site to support the EMU varsity golf programs and community and student golf development](#)

The GameAbove alumni group is donating \$8 million to fund the construction of the golf performance center along with 12 years of operations for the facility, to be located on the Athletic Campus

[Approved a \\$13.3 million capital budget for 2020-2021](#)

The spending plan supports infrastructure improvements in academic, administrative, and auxiliary facilities such as dining and housing and the Rec/IM Building. The budget also focuses on information technology and safety and security.

[Approved room and board rates for the 2020-21 academic year](#)

The Residence Halls increase of 2 percent is the lowest increase since the University did not raise room and board rates during the "0-0-0" campaign in 2010-11. Meal plan rates will increase 2.95 percent.

[Reelected James Webb to a one-year term as Board chair](#)

Eunice Jeffries was elected to a one-year term as vice chair of the Regents

[Offered a resolution praising the YpsiWrites program](#)

The YpsiWrites initiative is a collaboration between EMU's Office of Campus and Community Writing, the Ypsilanti District Library and 826Michigan. People of all ages will have access to writing coaches from EMU and the community, who will refine their skills and nurture their potential as writers.

In his [regular report to the Board of Regents](#), President Smith noted Sunday's (Dec. 15) commencement ceremony, to begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Convocation Center. More than 2,300 graduates are eligible to walk in the ceremony, in which U.S. Sen. Gary Peters will deliver the commencement address. Peters and top motorsports executive Jack Roush, an Eastern alum, will receive honorary degrees. President Smith also noted this weekend's [upcoming Candlelight Concerts](#), to be held at Pease Auditorium Saturday and at Detroit's Orchestra Hall Sunday. And, regarding what is essentially a home game, President Smith spoke of the exciting opportunity for students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters of Eastern to attend the Quick Lane Bowl, in which EMU will duel Pitt at Ford Field at 8 p.m. on Dec. 26.

[Tickets can be purchased online](#) or by calling 734.487.3669.

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