

Emeritus Newsletter #89

Hello Colleagues,

The Board of Regents met on February 13, 2020 and the following faculty and staff were granted emeritus status: Elizabeth Broughton, Nancy Copeland, Sam Fullerton, Susan Gregory, William Moylan, David Pierce, Rebecca Sipe, Toni Stokes Jones, Darcell White, Diane Winder, Toni Deas, Dawn Farmer, Jada Wester, Kenneth Hardesty, Benita Goldman and Rick Rogers. Welcome to our Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association!

I invite all of our members to mark their calendars for our Spring Emeritus Membership Meeting on Friday, May 8th from 12:00 noon until 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom, and our Spring Emeritus Social on Wednesday, May 20th from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the McKenny Ballroom. You will receive a mailing for the membership meeting and an invitation to the social event. These are gatherings with food and visiting time for our growing membership. For further information about the Emeritus Association go to www.emich.edu/emeritus.

Perhaps you are aware that EMU implemented the DUO program as a security for logins to email and other EMU online resources. **EMERITUS MEMBERS ARE EXEMPTED FROM THIS PROGRAM. You are welcome to sign on if you want to but are not required to do so.** For those who chose to enroll, Duo self-enrollment for your smartphone can be completed at <https://duo.emich.edu>. Detailed enrollment instructions are available on the [Duo Tips](#) page. An enrollment process video demo is available on the [Duo Guide site](#).)

Finally, those of you who would like your contribution to United Way of Washtenaw County to count with the EMU total may use the following website for emeritus members: <https://www.uwashtenaw.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=11>

All the Best,

Sally McCracken, President
EMU Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association

The following information is from the Board of Regents Meeting.

To students, faculty and staff:

Here are news items, reports and presentations from today's (Feb. 13) regular meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents, along with details from the Student Affairs and Educational Policies committee meetings, which were held yesterday afternoon.

[New program in Civil Engineering to propel students into high-demand careers that can help rebuild state and country's infrastructure](#)

Students at Eastern Michigan University will have the opportunity to train for productive careers in civil engineering, in which they can make crucial contributions to the health of Michigan's and the country's infrastructure, in a new program approved by the Board of Regents. "This program is a critical addition to our academic offerings, and continues our strong growth in engineering and other programs," said Mohamad Qatu, dean of the EMU College of Engineering and Technology.

[14 faculty members at Eastern are first to receive funding from GameAbove Faculty First \\$2 million gift](#)

Eastern Michigan University faculty members will pursue 14 special projects with funding from the GameAbove alumni group, part of an overall gift of \$2 million to support faculty development. The initial GameAbove Faculty First awards total \$47,950. The 14 awards represent the first of several faculty opportunities made possible by the GameAbove Faculty First initiative announced on Nov. 11.

[EMU consolidating several language programs to focus on K-12 teacher education](#)

As part of its strategic and timely emphasis on aligning academic resources with high-growth job areas and trends in the state of Michigan and beyond, Eastern is phasing out several programs in the World Languages Department. The move comes in response to the changing teacher education landscape, as the department is phasing out several secondary education programs to instead focus on K-12 teacher education programs.

Michael Tew, associate provost and associate vice president for academic planning, gave [an update on Eastern's ongoing efforts to continue to improve retention and graduation rates](#) during the Educational Policies Committee meeting.

The Board heard a [report that detailed EMU faculty's increasing research projects](#) along with the efforts of the Office of Research Development and Administration to support faculty research.

The Board heard [a report from Engage @EMU](#) that outlined several of the group's many community initiatives.

In his [regular report to the Board of Regents](#), President James Smith offered an exciting look into Eastern's future as we begin a new year, and a new decade. He noted that by the end of the year, Eastern will have a revitalized Sill Hall, home of the College of Engineering and Technology, along with a beautiful and revitalized REC/IM – a complete overhaul and facelift to this vital campus and student-oriented building. President Smith noted that in just one month from now, we will have a new, expanded home for Counseling and Psychological Services and the Psychology Clinic in the new Campus Wellness Center. A ribbon-cutting event is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 at 4 p.m.

"These are transformative projects, and follow last year's opening of Strong Hall and the new IHA Health Center at EMU," President Smith said. He also touched on several examples of recent academic excellence, including the success of the EMU Moot Court team, which was honored at the Board meeting for winning the national championship last month.

President Smith concluded by noting that on March 20, EMU will kick off the Week of Excellence, beginning with the Graduate Research Conference and culminating with the 40th annual Undergraduate Symposium on Friday, March 27. "The week of activities are a true celebration of all that Eastern Michigan stands for - high quality academics and outstanding student-faculty interaction and mentorship," President Smith said.

In other items from this week's meetings:

[Esports gaming community growing rapidly at Eastern as students show strong interest](#)

The University currently has several competitive teams, with plans to add more as interest continues to increase. Community engagement events this year have included a Halloween Smash Tournament, a Pokémon Day and a Retro Game Night, creating a buzz among present and potential students, according

to a report at the Student Affairs Committee meeting.

[World-famous illusionist Franz Harary, a former Eastern student who cites the University as an element of his success, awarded an honorary master's degree](#)

Franz Harary, an internationally acclaimed illusionist known for redefining the art of magic, was awarded an Honorary Master's Degree in Humane Letters – Theatre. Harary, an Ann Arbor native who attended EMU in the 1980s, is best known for designing and performing illusions of his own creation worldwide.

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