

Emeritus Newsletter #90

Hello Colleagues,

The Executive Board hopes that you are staying safe and healthy at home during this COVID-19 Pandemic. It is unclear when it will be safe to resume face-to-face meetings or socials, however your board members will explore ways to keep in touch. It will be a very special event when we gather again.

Since the May 8th membership meeting is cancelled, I am including the remembrances since our last October meeting in this newsletter: Timothy J. Doyle, FA, Aviation Management Technology (10/31/2019), Gilbert B. Cross, FA, English (10/05/2019), James S. Magee, FA, Political Science (12/17/2019), Benjamin T. Hourani, FA, Political Science (01/11,/2020), Phillip K. Arrington, FA, English (01/18/2020), Asad Said Khailany, FA, Computer Information Systems (04/01/2020). I am certain that there are members not listed so If you know of others please let me know.

The EMU Board of Regents met virtually using zoom on April 23 and I have copied the information from that meeting below.

All the Best - and stay healthy,

Sally McCracken, President
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association

Here are news items and reports from today's (April 23) regular meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents. The meeting, which was live streamed, was held remotely because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Eastern Michigan University announces plan to move College of Business to central campus](#)

The move will enhance learning opportunities for students, facilitate faculty collaboration and increase investment in the continued revival of downtown Ypsilanti. The move includes the selling of the Gary Owen Building, present home of the College of

Business. The authorization to pursue the sale to River Caddis Development for \$2.7 million was approved by the Board of Regents. Boone Hall, a highly visible, open and welcoming academic building located on Cross Street on the southeast end of campus, will be the new location for the College of Business's primary operations. The building will undergo significant renovation, tentatively beginning in April 2021. [An FAQ](#) also has been prepared with additional details.

[Eastern Michigan University reaches contract agreements with unions representing EMU police officers and command officers](#)

The University has reached collective bargaining agreements with the unions representing its police officers and the command officers in the EMU Department of Public Safety. The Regents approved the agreements with the EMU Chapter of the Command Officers Association of Michigan, which represents seven sergeants on the police force; along the Police Officers Association of Michigan, which represents 23 EMU officers.

In his [regular report to the Board of Regents](#), President James Smith thanked the entire Eastern Michigan University community for its supportive and collaborative efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. That included acknowledgment of Eastern's students, "the cornerstone of who we are as an institution," President Smith said, adding, "Students have made an incredible adjustment, not just to online classes, but in managing the inconceivable disruption this crisis has brought to their personal, family, social and professional lives." President Smith went on to single out the many groups who have played such a significant role in helping Eastern adjust to the ongoing health crisis.

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