

EMERITUS NEWSLETTER #93

Hello Colleagues,

Hopefully, with the development and distribution of a new vaccine, this long, confining COVID-19 challenge will begin to tamp down in 2021. Few of us will miss the turmoil of 2020 and your executive board is looking forward to being able to schedule in-person meetings and socials toward the end of 2021.

Your Emeritus Executive Board created a new website page to allow our members to highlight their Scholarly/Creative and Service activities since retirement. **We would like to know the activities you have engaged in since retiring.**

Richard Douglass will manage the submissions and will have editing rights to adapt your submission to our format. To submit your scholarly/creative and service activities since retirement, please email your name, your University association or academic department/school, a brief summary of one to two sentences of your work, (and URL for further information if you have one) to Richard.Douglass@ymail.com.

Emeritus Remembrances: Monroe (Monty) Friedman, Psychology, (10/02/2020) and Namoi Long Madgett, (the poet laureate of Detroit) English, (11/04/2020).

An active employee who many of you worked with, Zafer Kahn, serving as the Associate Dean for the College of Business passed away (10/22/2020)

The Board of Regents met on Thursday, December 10th and I have copied the highlights of the meeting below.

On behalf of our executive board I want to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday as we look forward to a 2021 and more signs of normalizing our interactions with one another..

Sally McCracken, President
EMU Faculty and Staff Association

News items and reports from today's (Dec. 10) regular meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents. The committee meetings and the regular meeting, which were live streamed and available to the public, were held remotely because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Eastern Michigan University to rename the Quirk Building in honor of the late Judy Sturgis Hill, distinguished emeritus faculty member and former EMU student](#)

[Eastern Michigan University adds new, high-demand program for students interested in the performing arts: Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre](#)

[Relocation of College of Business to main campus tops EMU FY22 capital budget plans](#)

[EMU faculty to engage scholarly, creative and professional development activities through 2020 Brickley endowment awards](#)

President's Report to the Board of Regents

In [his regular report to the Board of Regents](#), President Smith praised the collaborative efforts of so many in the campus community to help keep EMU's students, faculty and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Our students have been outstanding in their support throughout this process," President Smith said. "Their commitment to observing safe practices and wearing face coverings is extremely important. Most days, when on campus, I observe 100 percent compliance from our students to the wearing of face coverings."

President Smith also offered his appreciation to the committee members involved in the recommendation for the renaming of the Quirk Building to the Judy Sturgis Hill Building. "This is an opportunity to live the mission and values of the University – and to celebrate the lifelong commitment of one of the finest individuals to graduate and then make a career at Eastern, the late Emeritus Professor Judy Sturgis Hill," President Smith said. "We must continually challenge ourselves to face the injustices of oppression and to build a more accessible, inclusive and equitable campus culture."

President Smith also issued a reminder that registration for winter semester classes is now occurring, and that commencement is coming up on Saturday, Dec. 19. He noted that everyone can participate in a special video the University is producing for our graduates. You can send your short video to grad_2020@emich.edu. In your email, please include your name and your connection to the EMU community. The **deadline to receive videos is this Saturday, Dec. 12.**

The Board also [heard a report on the diverse class of Sidlik/Boylan scholarship winners and Presidential Scholarship winners](#) in The Honors College, along with a report on innovative teaching placements by the College of Education during the pandemic. [A news release on that effort](#) notes the exceptional collaboration between EMU and area schools.

The Board recognized outgoing Regents James Webb, who served as Board Chair; and Mary Treder Lang. Eunice Jeffries was selected as the new Board chair and Michael Hawks was selected as vice chair.

You can read [all the documents from today's board meeting](#), including the list of faculty promotions, new appointments and emeritus status awards for former faculty and staff.