

Emeritus Newsletter #96
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Hello Colleagues,

We welcome the following faculty and staff to our association. **Faculty:** Charles (Nelson) Amos, Music and Dance; Mary Bigler, Teacher Education; David Crary, Economics; Roberta Faust, Health Promotion and Human Performance; Christopher Gardiner, Mathematics and Statistics; Valerie Howells, Health Science; Patrick Koehn, Physics and Astronomy; Jiang Lu, Visual and Built Environments; Genevieve Peden, World Languages; Denise Pilato, Technology and Professional Services; Shinming Shyu, Visual and Built Environments; Donald Snyder, Chemistry; Christine Tanner, Communication, Media & Theatre Arts; and Willard Zirk, Music and Dance. **Lecturers:** Lydia Kret, Health Sciences; Turner Saymann, Physics and Astronomy; and Kelly Victor-Burke, Geography and Geology. **Staff:** Elaine Richards, Director of Math Pathways Support; and Tammy Walters, Accounts Payable.

We are hoping to hold a General Membership meeting on campus in October and also to welcome many of you back to a social gathering in December. EMU will establish the guidelines for these face-to-face meetings and we will keep you informed. You will receive an email invitation to our General Membership meeting asking for an RSVP to help in planning the food and spacing (if necessary). EMU has a mask requirement for campus buildings through the summer months. Most employees are still working remotely and have not been notified when they will return to campus.

Remembrances: Jerry O'Dell, Psychology (05/19/2021), and Helen Williams-Hill, English (03/28/2021).

The EMU Board of Regents met on Thursday, June 10th and the highlights from the meeting are copied below.

All the Best,

Sally McCracken, President
EMU Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association
To students, faculty and staff:

Below are links to news items and reports from the June 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 in part at Welch Hall and in part remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

News items

[Eastern Michigan University commits additional \\$3.5 million in student financial aid for fall 2021 to support student success; total financial aid budget of \\$54.8 million represents 156% increase over the last 14 years \(includes general fund, auxiliary fund budget approvals\)](#)

Eastern Michigan University seeks to boost more four-year graduations, incentivizes taking more credits through block tuition pricing model; under the plan, students will pay the same price for 16 credits as they will for 12

Board of Regents approves \$4.6 million capital project for new 3D Arts Complex

Students to partner with faculty in scholarly research supported by annual Undergraduate Research Stimulus Awards

Fellowship awards to support faculty research and creative activity this academic year

Faculty members pursue exciting array of projects and activities under sabbaticals awarded for 2020-21

Eastern Michigan University administration and full-time lecturers agree on two-year extension to collective bargaining agreement

President's Report to the Board of Regents

President Smith provided comments about the University's increased financial aid support for students as the nation emerges from the pandemic. He discussed this week's announcement of a \$1 million gift to the University from alumnus and automotive legend Jack E. Roush, and commended the University's landmark partnership with Beibu Gulf University in China.

The full president's report is posted on the Office of the President Communications page.

You can read all of the documents from today's Board meeting on the Board of Regents website, including an update on the Degree Completion and Retention Plan as well as acknowledgements honoring several students, faculty and staff.