

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 12
DATE: November 15, 2005

**RECOMMENDATION**

**MONTHLY REPORT  
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for November 15, 2005 and the Minutes of September 20, 2005 be received and placed on file.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

At its September 20, 2005 meeting the Student Affairs Committee received the annual Fall Start-Up Report as well as updates on: Habitat for Humanity, Katrina Relief Efforts, Homecoming, and Greek Affairs. The Committee also received a report on the work of the Technology Fee Task Force and heard the Student Leader Group's concerns regarding the 8/2/05 Board of Regents Meeting, the Athletic Affairs Committee and International Student Tuition.

The November 15, 2005 agenda will include an update: Fall Housing, the University Technology Advisory Committee, Habitat for Humanity and International Student Tuition. Additionally, the Committee will entertain a request that Gender Identity and Expression be included in the Board of Regents non-discrimination policy and will receive a position paper addressing a centralized book database.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

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University Executive Officer

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Date

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
Board of Regents  
Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, November 15, 2005  
10:00 a.m.

Agenda

Room 201  
Welch Hall

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| 1. Approval of September 20, 2005 Meeting Minutes    | Regent Brandon      |
| 2. Update: University Technology Advisory Committee  | Robert Murkowski    |
| 3. Update: Fall Housing                              | Kelly Basden        |
| 4. Update: Habitat for Humanity                      | Lindsey Robinson    |
| 5. Fall Start Up Follow-up Report                    | Glenna Frank Miller |
| 6. Gender Identity and Expression – Policy Inclusion | Gregory Varnum      |
| 7. Position Paper: Centralized Book Database         | Robert Murkowski    |
| 8. International Student Tuition                     | Jim Vick            |
| 9. Announcements                                     |                     |
| 10. Other  |                     |

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Board of Regents  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of September 20, 2005

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Regents: Regent Sidlik

Administration: Gregory Peoples, Glenna Frank Miller, Karen Simpkins, Jim Vick

Students: Trevor Allen, Cory Anderson, Kelly Basden, Daniel Cicchini, Marnese Jackson, Robert Murkowski, Catherine Perrow, Lindsey Robinson, Hiral Shah, Gregory Varnum, Biniam Yohannes

**GUESTS**

Regents: Floyd Clack, Karen Valvo

Administration: Don Anderson, Vickie Bagherzadeh, Carin Barber, Daryl Barton, David Carroll, Jayne Carroll, Carlos Costa, Rhonda DeLong, Mary Jo Desprez, Bob England, John Fallon, Becky Figura, Lynette Findley, Larry Gates, Justin Gerboc, Melissa Ginotti, Cindy Hall, Peggy Harless, Bob Heighes, Jesús Hernández, Judy Sturgis Hill, Steve Holda, Mathwon Howard, Marcus Jackson, Marvin Johnson (retired), Ann Klaes, Jeff Koras, Jim Locke, Mary Sue Marz, Cathie McClure, Kevin Miller, Tamara Miller, Maria Milletti, Noah Moran, Ward Mullens, Sarah Kersey Otto, Stephanie Percy, Vicki Reaume, Juanita Reid, Craig Reidsma, Gretchen Sanchez, Abe Sargent, Lewis Savage, Barbara Scheffer, Gretchen Schonfeld, Jennifer Schrage, John Senko, Sue Sohn, Michael Stark, Tom Stevick, Carlos Stewart, Martha Sutton, Steve Watson, Paul Dean Webb, Kathryn Wilhoff, Sandra Williams, Kay Woodiel

Students: Christopher Beyer, Tanisha Blackmon, LaShaunta Hairston, Sam Richardson, Jessica Robinson, Tuna Yemisci

Regent Tom Sidlik chaired the meeting in Regent Brandon's absence. The meeting convened at its new time of 10:00 a.m. Minutes of the June 21, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

**Fall Start-Up Report**

Glenna Frank Miller, director of McKenny Union, Campus Life and Diversity Programs, presented the annual Fall Start-Up Report which highlighted another very successful Orientation and Move-In, with over 2500 new students participating in orientation and more than 500 volunteers assisting parents and students with move-in. An assessment of this year's program will be conducted by the appropriate administrative units and feedback will be presented at the November SAC meeting.

**Habitat for Humanity**

Lindsey Robinson, Campus Life Council representative, provided an update on EMU's Habitat for Humanity project being sponsored by the VISION office. VISION has raised more than \$5000 of the \$65,000 needed to cover the cost of construction materials. They plan to raise an additional \$30,000 by January 2006 and the final \$30,000 by the spring of 2006. Regent Sidlik requested that an update on fundraising and publicity efforts will be presented at the November SAC meeting.

**Homecoming Update**

Vicki Reaume, director of Alumni Relations and Jeff Koras, assistant director of Student Affairs

Business Operations, co-chairs of the 2005 Homecoming Committee, presented highlights of this year's Homecoming activities. New this year is the FALLaPALOOZA Harvest Homecoming Event in Ypsilanti's Depot Town. This collaborative event is sponsored by the Depot Town Association, EMU and Friends of the Ypsilanti Freight House. During the SAC meeting game attendance expectations were discussed and an overall goal of at least 10,000 people, including 7000 students, was set. Vicki Reaume indicated that participation rates for all events will be measured against last year's results.

### **Technology Issues**

Kelly Basden, RHA President, Hiral Shah, Graduate Student Organization President and Robert Murkowski, Student Body President and members of the Technology Fee Task Force expressed their support for a number of technological issues being addressed by the task force including access to proprietary software that is currently restricted by lab or department, consistent and late night access to computer labs on campus, and wireless access on campus and at other off campus locations where classes are scheduled. The Technology Fee Task Force will be presenting a full report and recommendations to the Board at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Regent Sidlik asked that their report include a technology wish list at three levels: world class, reasonable and practical.

### **Response to 8/2/05 Board of Regents Meeting**

The Student Leader Group expressed disappointment at the lack of opportunity for student involvement in the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Board of Regents meeting. The meeting provided no open communications section or Student Affairs Committee meeting, nor were students provided an opportunity to attend or present at the Board workshop that morning. Regent Sidlik agreed that the students should have been involved and extended an apology on behalf of the Board for this oversight.

### **International Student Tuition**

Biniam Yohannes, president of the International Student Association, expressed concern with the differential between resident undergraduate tuition increases over the past 5 years compared with non-resident undergraduate increases and their effect on international students in particular. Regent Sidlik requested that Vice President Vick to look into this discrepancy and provide a report at the November SAC meeting.

### **Greek Affairs Update**

Marnese Jackson, Catherine Perrow and Trevor Allen, presidents of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Panhellenic Council and Inter-fraternity Council respectively provided an update on Greek Affairs activities, the team building and collaboration that currently exists between all three Greek Councils and the support being provided by EMU's administrative staff. Vice President Vick indicated that is heartening to have the opportunity to talk about the good things that EMU's Greek organizations do for the University and the surrounding community.

### **Athletic Affairs Committee**

Greg Varnum, LGBT representative, expressed the Student Leader Group's interest in the new Athletic Affairs Committee of the Board and strongly encouraged consideration for adding student athlete representation. The students also expressed concern that the shorter meeting times necessitated by addition of the new committee would impair the effectiveness of the other committee meetings and asked that the schedule be revised before the November meeting should that be the case. Regent Sidlik assured the students that the Student Affairs Committee will take as long as necessary to complete its work. Regent Sidlik also encouraged the student leaders to invite their constituents to the Student Affairs Committee meetings.

### **Announcements**

- Gregory Peoples, Ombudsman, provided an update on the University's Katrina Relief Efforts.
- Biniam Yohannes extended an invitation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual African Culture Night, Friday, September 23, 7 p.m. in the McKenny Union Ballroom.
- The committee received an update on the Tuesday, September 20 events planned in recognition of Constitution Day.

- Bobby Murkowski provided information on the online book swap program being developed by Student Government and ICT.
- Daniel Cicchini issues an invitation to the September 27 Student Senate meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Walton-Putnam First Year Center.
- Bobby Murkowski, speaking on behalf of the Student Leader Group, thanked President Fallon for his commitment to students and presented him with a Student Government shirt.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L. Papp  
Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary