

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 7

DATE:

March 20, 2007

RECOMMENDATION

MONTHLY REPORT
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for March 20, 2007 and the Minutes of January 19, 2007 be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

At the January 19, 2007 meeting the Student Affairs Committee received an update on the 2006-07 Student Leader Group priorities and statements concerning the Proposal 2, faculty contract negotiations, and technology concerns as well as further discussion of inclusion of gender identity or expression in the University's anti-discrimination policies.

The March 20, 2007 agenda includes the AOD Biennial Review and CORE Alcohol & Other Drug Survey Data Results and discussions of faculty course evaluations on line, domestic partner benefits, and the inclusion of gender identity or expression in the University's antidiscrimination policies.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive Officer

Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, March 20, 2007
1:45 p.m.

Agenda

Room 201
Welch Hall

1. Approval of January 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes
2. AOD Biennial Review and CORE Alcohol & Other Drug Survey Data Results
3. Gender Identity and Expression
4. Faculty Course Evaluations On Line
5. Domestic Partner Benefits
6. Announcements
7. Other

Regent Hawks

Mary Jo Desprez

Emily Vincent

Daniel Cicchini

Greg Varnum

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 19, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Regents: Floyd Clack

Administration: Jim Vick, Mike Erwin, Glenna Frank Miller, Gregory Peoples

Students: Casetta Brown, Daniel Cicchini, Casey Jordan, Ravi Joshi, Christopher Leonard, Jeff May, Allison Sheppard, Steve Smith, Jasmine Tolbert, Greg Varnum, Emily Vincent

GUESTS

Regents: Ismael Ahmed, Gary Hawkes, Francine Parker, James Stapleton

Administration: Carin Barber, Noah Borton, Shalonda Casanova, George Cole, Mary Jo Desprez, John A. Fallon, Becky Figura, Brian Fitzgerald, Larry Gates, Ellen Gold, Cindy Hall, Peggy Harless, Bob Heighes, Jesús Hernández, Jeff Koras, Cathie McClure, Mark Monahan, Ward Mullens, Jeff Nesmith, Sarah Kersey Otto, Stephanie Percy, Shaless Peoples, Craig Reidsma, Ken Ruppel, Abe Sargent, Connie Schaffer, Darryl Sczepanski, Karen Simpkins, Janice Stroh, Art Timko, Kathy Walz, Kathryn Wilhoff, Patricia Williams, Kay Woodiel, Pam Young

Students: Chris Beyer, Chris Bylone, Lisa Coliadis, Matthew Gundick, Sarah Malcom, Jeremiah Richardson, Lauren Robinson, Suzy Sweeney, Brenda Williamson-Hunt, Grayling Yarbrough, Cedric York

Press: Andrew Cipolla (Echo), Geoff Larcom (Ann Arbor News)

Regent Clack convened the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

Introduction of New Board and Committee Members

The Student Affairs Committee welcomed its newest member, Students with Disabilities representative Steve Smith as well as new Board of Regents members Francine Parker, James Stapleton, Ismael Ahmed and Gary Hawks and new Vice President for Business and Finance Janice Stroh.

Update on 2006-07 Student Leader Group Priorities

The committee received an update on the priorities of the Student Leader Group for the remainder of the year. They include:

- seeking affordable health insurance for students
- helping to move the Mark Jefferson and Pray Harrold projects forward
- including gender identity & expression in the University's non-discrimination policies
- increasing computer lab access and study hours on campus
- addressing concerns about student finances: navigating EMU's Financial Aid, Student Business Services and Accounting systems, debt management, and financial literacy
- monitoring the recent change of policy regarding financial holds on student accounts and
- increasing support for services to students with disabilities.

Proposal 2

The Committee received a statement from the Student Leader Group expressing concern with how Proposal 2 will affect scholarships as well as academic and co-curricular programs and requesting periodic updates from the administration on the findings of the impact study currently being conducted by General Counsel and the Director of Diversity.

Gender Identity or Expression

The Student Leader Group again called for the Board and its new Regents to bring forward the policy changes to include Gender Identity or Expression in the University's anti-discrimination policies.

Faculty Contract Negotiations

The Student Leader Group issued a statement requesting that the University and the AAUP issue joint statements updating the campus community as progress made on a new contract.

Technology Concerns

The Student Leader Group issued a statement expressing their pleasure with the success of the new 24/7 computer lab in the Student Center. However, the Halle Library hours were scaled back when the Student Center lab opened. In light of concerns expressed by Student Government and the Student Leader Group, the library has agreed to extend their hours during the final weeks of the semester to accommodate the needs of students. Additionally, the Student Leader Group will monitor the proposed printing policy that will limit the number of pages students are allowed to print from lab computers. The Student Leader Group thanked the ICT staff for their cooperation and eagerness to address student concerns.

Other

- Steve Smith read a statement encouraging the University administration to continue its work to increase support of students with disabilities.
- University Ombudsman Gregory Peoples thanked President Fallon and the University community for their support of the EMU Martin Luther King Day celebration and provided an overview of the week's events.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L. Papp
Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary