

# **BOARD OF REGENTS**

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

SECTION: 9

DATE:

November 18, 2008

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **MONTHLY REPORT & MINUTES** **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for November 18, 2008 and the Minutes of September 16, 2008 be received and placed on file.

#### **STAFF SUMMARY**

At the September 16, 2008 meeting the Student Affairs Committee received a preliminary report of the 2008-09 Student Leader Group priorities, previews of Homecoming and Latino Heritage Month events, the annual Fall Start Up Report and a report on the status of student involvement in the political process via the Eastern Votes Coalition. The Committee also voted to endorse the proposed Student Conduct Code revisions and forward them to the Education Policies Committee for action.

The November 18, 2008 agenda includes presentation of the new Student Organization Late Night Events policy, and updates on the Student Leader Group's 2008-09 priorities and the Academic Advising Initiative.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

Bernice A. Lindke  
University Executive Officer

November 6, 2008  
Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Board of Regents  
Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, November 18, 2008  
10:30 a.m.

Agenda

Room 201  
Welch Hall

1. Approval of September 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes
2. Student Organization Special Events Policy
3. Student Leader Group 2008-09 Priorities
4. Academic Advising Initiative Update
5. Announcements
6. Other

Regent Hawks  
Melissa Ginotti/Carlos  
Costa/Brandon Taylor  
  
Priority Champions  
  
Patricia Williams

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Board of Regents  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of September 16, 2008

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Regents: Gary Hawks, Floyd Clack

Administration: Bernice Lindke, Glenna Frank Miller, Gregory Peoples

Students: Angela Baugher, Donna Bobcean, Lauren Flaum, Rob Kull, Steve LaChance, Kartheek Reddy Mali, Adam Slingwein, Jasmine Stock, Phylicia Wilford, Ryan Wilson

**GUESTS**

Administration: Susan Anderson, Meredith Blaine, Caroline Brackette, Meg Castro, Carlos Costa, Kevin Devine, Becky Figura, Brian Fitzgerald, Larry Gates, Melissa Ginotti, Ellen Gold, Peggy Harless, Bob Heighes, Jesús Hernández, Katie Holdgreve-Resendez, Ann Klaes, Brian Kulpa, Mary Larkin, Kevin Lawson, Susan Martin, Cathie McClure, Bruce Moses, Jeff Nesmith, Greg O'Dell, Sarah Kersey Otto, Nicholas Rachowicz, Lewis Savage, Amy Simonson, Kathy Walz, Gretchen Ward, Kay Woodiel

Students: Sarah Blakeslee, Shetina Jones, Katie Musick, Amy Pater, Deepak Sharma, Kyle Sutherland, Kristin Thomas, Karen Travis

Other: Tom Comer, Bert Green, Robb Rose

Regent Hawks convened the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

**Introduction of New Staff**

Bernice Lindke, Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management introduced three new staff members: Caroline Brackette, Director, Students with Disabilities Office; Mark Jackson, Director, Holman Learning Center and Brian Kulpa, Director, Financial Services-Student Affairs.

**Annual Fall Start Up Report**

Melissa Ginotti, Director of Campus Life and Becky Figura, Director of Housing presented the annual fall start-up report highlighting the programs, activities and initiatives that culminated in another great beginning to the school year. Regent Hawks reported that he received many positive comments about the fall opening activities from parents and their students and he thanked everyone involved with Orientation, Move-In and First Four Weeks activities.

**Homecoming Preview**

Ted Coutilish, Associate Vice President for University Marketing and Communications and Brian Garcia, a member of SOAR (Student Organization for Alumni Relations) presented highlights of the 2008 Homecoming schedule. To increase student involvement and buy-in for Homecoming, a spirit station will be staffed at the College of Business this year for the first time and Facebook will be utilized to further reach out to students and alumni. Regent Hawks thanked Ted, Brian and members of the Homecoming Committee for their efforts.

### **Student Leader Group 2008-09 Priorities**

Adam Slingwein, Student Body President, provided further elaboration on the Student Leader Group's 2008-09 priorities. LGBT Representative Jasmine Stock welcomed this unique concept for organizing the SLG's priorities and Steve LaChance, IFC President, reiterated that these are collective goals; the SLG has put aside their private agendas for the good of the EMU community.

A three-pronged umbrella has been developed under which all of their priorities will fit: Bringing Students to EMU (focusing on such issues as tuition and fees, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, diversity and inclusion and accessibility); Getting Students Involved (covering areas such as student involvement, student employment, Eastern pride and programming to maximize attendance) and Keeping Students Here (focusing on improved academic advising, upgrading and maintaining facilities and other issues that impact retention). All of these will fit under the students' overarching goal to facilitate, promote and improve EMU as a community. The Student Leader Group will continue to refine their 2008-09 goals and will provide an update at the November Student Affairs Committee meeting.

### **Latino Heritage Month Preview**

Phylcia Wilford, Students of Color Representative, presented a preview of Latino Heritage Month activities, including the opening celebration, Flavors of Latin America, held September 15, 2008. The closing celebration will be Wednesday, October 15 from 8-12 p.m. Throughout the month, a series of lectures, movies and live productions will be offered to provide rich learning experiences in and outside the classroom.

### **Eastern Votes Coalition**

Alli Sheppard, Student Program Coordinator for the Eastern Votes Coalition, provided information on the nonpartisan efforts of students and supporters who work to increase student voter registration. Their goal is to register 1,250 students by October 1. To achieve that goal, they are hosting voter registration drives in the residence halls and academic buildings, coming to classrooms, student organization meetings and University events.

### **Student Conduct Code Revisions**

Jesús Hernández, Director of Student Judicial Services, presented proposed changes to the Student Conduct Code. The Code requires a review every four years. The two most significant changes: 1) Added language to the violations in order to address a broader scope of weapons that [may](#) be brought to campus by students and guests, 2) the Organization of the University Judicial System (Section VII) was amended by adding to the composition of the judicial boards - University Judicial Board and Judicial Appeals Board. The numbers for membership on each Board were doubled in order to provide a larger pool from which to draw. Steve LaChance made a motion, seconded by Adam Slingwein, that the Student Affairs Committee endorse the changes to the Code of Student Conduct as presented and forward the revisions to the Education Policies Committee for action in November. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Announcements**

- Jasmine Stock announced that October is LGBT Out Month and October 3 is Out Day. She introduced Mary Larkin, recently appointed Coordinator of the LGBT Resource Center.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary