

SECTION
DATE: February 21, 2012

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

MONTHLY REPORT
EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for February 21, 2012 and the Minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting be received and placed on file.

SUMMARY

The primary items for the February 21, 2012 Educational Policies Committee meeting include: (1) Emeritus Faculty Status, (2) Emeritus Staff Status, (3) Academic Affairs Administrative/ Professional Appointments/Transfers, (4) Academic Retirements/Separations, (5) Lecturer Promotions, (6) Opening of Term and Official Record Dates for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013, (7) 2010-2011 Charter Schools Annual Report, (8) Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degrees.

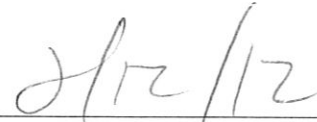
FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal impact of the actions taken is listed in the appropriate sections and in the Board minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive Officer



Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
Educational Policies Committee

February 21, 2012
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.
205 Welch Hall

Minutes (*Regent Sidlik*)

Monthly Report (*James Carroll, Rhonda Longworth, David Woike*)

- A. University Objective- Program Sustainability
- B. University Objective- New Programs that Received Regents Support
- C. University Objectives- Retention and Graduation Rates
- D. Headcount and Enrollment Data- Winter updates

Consent Agenda Items

Emeritus Faculty Recommendations (*Rhonda Longworth*)

Emeritus Staff Recommendations (*Rhonda Longworth*)

Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers (*David Woike*)

Academic Retirements/Separations (*David Woike*)

Lecturer Promotions (*David Woike*)

Regular Agenda Items

Opening of Term and Official Record Dates for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (*Rhonda Longworth*)

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree (*Rhonda Longworth*)

2010-2011 Charter Schools Annual Report (*Malverne Winborne*)

Discussion Topic

Impact of Newly Adopted Charter Schools Legislation

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 15, 2011
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
205 Welch Hall

Attendees: (seated at tables) C. Carroll, C. Foreman, R. Longworth, C. McFarland, J. McGadney, Regent Parker, Regent Sidlik (Chair), D. Woike

Guests: (as signed in) A. Alvarez, D. Beagen, M. Boone, D. deLaski-Smith, J. Feldcamp, G. Frank Miller, R. Hanna, D. Hardcastle, M. Henry, m. Jack, A. Marshall, S. McCracken, A. Monea, C. Reese-Oxford, R. Sipe, D. Springgay, J. Tracy, B. Warren, D. Winder, M. Zdrykowski

Regent Sidlik convened the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Report and Minutes (Section 10)

Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming, requested that the Educational Policies Committees Agenda for December 15, 2011 and the Minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting be received and placed on file.

Associate Provost James Carroll updated the committee on Program Sustainability. There were 17 programs up for review, and complete sets of input were received for sixteen programs. The input included five recommendations of elimination, one recommendation of consolidation, and 10 recommendations of continuation. The input is under evaluation. Two programs are on today's agenda and the balance will be evaluated by the February meeting. The seventeenth program is restarting its review process because of a misinterpretation of the input at the program to department level.

Associate Provost Longworth discussed the Woodrow Wilson Fellows program, which is the externally funded STEM teacher preparation program. The first student cohort is beginning their student teaching in Detroit. The new STEM concentrations content courses are up and running. Currently we are recruiting our second student cohort that will start this spring. Dr. Carroll added that the Woodrow Wilson program has received wonderful support from the other areas of the University. A mass mailing is going out to recent EMU science alumni informing them of the program. Communications, Marketing, and the Foundation all contributed to this effort.

Dr. Longworth continued with an update of the Physician Assistant program. The program director position was approved and posted. The accreditation process for this program requires that the program director be involved in the curriculum development process. EMU has a tentative timeline for the accreditation process and is on the agenda. If EMU keeps with its internal timeline (as it has to date), EMU will have the first site visit as scheduled. The first students in the program would be in 2013. Regent Parker suggested this program be marketed to new students prior to 2013. The Physician Assistant program is a three-year program if the student enters with a baccalaureate degree, and the appropriate pre-requisites.

Dr. Carroll discussed the Information Assurance program, which is a growing program. Capital improvements of additional network lines in the Sill Hall will enable the addition of new equipment to support the additional students. Currently there are 20 students in each cohort, and the number of terminals available determines this. The capital improvements will allow for the addition of more terminals. This improvement is being funded by the College of Technology's designated funds.

Dr. Longworth explained that updates on retention and graduation rates would be available for the February meeting. Regent Sidlik thanked the group who worked on the Student Success Network Five Year Strategic Plan; his only comment was for tougher targets.

Emeritus Faculty Status (Section 1)

Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming, recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to five (5) former faculty members: Dr. Polly (Pauline) W. Buchanan, Associate Professor, School of Technology Studies; Dr. Sally McCracken, Professor, Department of Communication, Media and Theatre Arts; Dr. Louise Patrick, Professor, Department of Music and Dance, Dr. Martha W. Tack, Professor, Department of Leadership and Counseling; and Dr. Bette L. Warren, Professor, Department of Mathematics.

Emeritus Staff Status (Section 2)

Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming, recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff Status to four (4) former staff members: Carol Erickson, Library Associate, University Library; John C. Fountain, Vice President University Relations and Secretary to the Board of Regents; Sherry L. Miller, Secretary, School of Engineering Technology, Lavonda Robiniette, Senior Relations Manager, University Advising and Career Development Center.

Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers (Section 3)

Dr. David Woike, Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, recommended that the Board of Regents approve one (1) Administrative/Professional transfer at the rank and effective date shown on the listing provided to the Board. It is also recommended that Dr. Schatzel be awarded tenure in conjunction with this appointment.

Appointment of Charter Schools Board Members (Section 11)

Malverne Winborne, Director, Charter Schools, recommended that the Board of Regents appoint Daisy Davis and Jeffrey Hill to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of Great Lakes Academy and Madelia Bufors to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Dr. Joseph F. Pollack Academic Center of Excellence.

Deletion of Academic Programs (Section 12)

Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming, recommended that the Board of Regents approve the deletion of two existing degree programs: the Master of Arts in State and Local History, and the Masters of Liberal Studies in Social Science and American Culture.

Report: 2012 Provost's Office New Faculty Research Awards (Section 13)

James Carroll, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research, recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the 2012 Provost's New Faculty Research Awards as shown on the listing provided to the Board.

Report: Winter 2012 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards (Section 14)

James Carroll, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research, recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the winter 2012 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards as shown on the listing provided to the Board.

Report: Winter 2012 Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships-Second Round (Section 15)

James Carroll, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research, recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the second round of Winter 2012 Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships as shown on the listing provided to the Board.

Honorary Degree (Section 16)

Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming, recommended that the Board of Regents approve Joyce Gervin, wife of George Gervin, Professional Athlete and Founder of the George Gervin Youth Center, for the awarding of an honorary baccalaureate degree.

Special Topic Discussion “Advising”

Dr. Longworth introduced Chris Foreman, General Education, and Calvin McFarland, University Advising, who led the Advising discussion. Dr. Foreman explained that Mr. McFarland and she were charged with fixing the advising difficulties EMU students were experiencing. She stated one of the main reasons to address the advising problems is to increase student retention and graduation rates.

The three primary areas of focus were:

- Content and the quality of that content – to assure accurate and consistent materials
- Coordination – systematic coordination of all advising activities
- Communication – how to convey and access the new coordinated advising system

During this process it was discovered that students didn’t know the graduation requirements. As a result, an online catalog will be established as the primary source for these requirements. Regent Sidlik asked if the online catalog would be interactive. Dr. Foreman explained that Red Lantern will provide interaction, and will draw data live from the catalog. Red Lantern will go live in fall 2012. Prior to Red Lantern’s implementation, Mr. McFarland is working with the college advising centers to create a very simple online Advising Navigator.

Mr. McFarland added that all university and college advisors are meeting biweekly to define EMU advising standards. They reviewed their practices and identified areas in need of improvement and areas of excellence. One new concept is the college team concept where advisors from all areas are working with students in their first two years to ensure students fulfill their general education requirements properly. Once the students reach their third year, the team will work with the students to get internship and job opportunities, job interview skills and on resume building.

Mr. McFarland added that the College of Arts and Sciences does not have an academic advising center. Another outcome of these meetings are the General Education advising sheets developed for each major. These will help faculty and staff unfamiliar with the general education requirements provide consistent, accurate information to students.

Dr. Foreman explained the importance of a future online tracking system for advising. Three systems have been selected for demonstrations. Once a system is selected, future funding will be needed to purchase and support the system.

Regent Sidlik asked if an incoming student is assigned an advisor. Dr. Longworth explained that students are referred to an office, not an individual advisor.

Jelani McGadney, Student Government President, shared that the Student Government wanted clear, consistent and concise information on advising, and what he’s seen so far reflects that.

Committee Assignments and Follow-Up

Rhonda Longworth:

- Emeritus nominations for retirees from the 1980’s

Malverne Winborne

- Charter Schools approval process

James Carroll

- Copies of Provost’s Research Award for New Faculty final reports
- Minnie Bluhm (Health Sciences). “Why They Do It: Oncologists’ Rationales for Administering Chemotherapy to Dying Patients.”

- Ali Eydgahi (Engineering Technology). “Design of an Intelligent Autonomous Control and Navigation System for Simulation of Unmanned Surface Vehicles.”
- Copies of Winter 2012 Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships final report
- David Pawlowski (Physics & Astronomy). “Towards a Better Understanding of Where the Water Went on Mars.”

Regent Sidlik thanked those in attendance, and adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robertta Goffeney, Administrative Secretary
Academic Affairs