

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
April 17, 2012

These are the proposed minutes of the April 17, 2012 Board of Regents meeting.

The meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Wilbanks at 4:02 p.m. in Room 201, Welch Hall, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The Board members present were:

Regent Floyd Clack, Regent Beth Fitzsimmons, Regent Michael Hawks, Regent Mike Morris, Vice Chair Francine Parker, Regent Tom Sidlik, Regent James Stapleton and Chairman Roy Wilbanks.

TAB A

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Reaume announced that four people requested to address the Board of Regents. Each speaker was given up to 7.5 minutes to speak.

1. John Fike (Advisory Board of NLA) – Nonprofit Leadership Alliance
2. Antonio Cosme (Latino Students Association) – Dare to Dream-advocating for a change to Michigan residency policies allowing undocumented immigrants to pay in-state tuition
3. Jelani McGadney (Student Government) – Matters of importance to the student body
4. Matthew Evett (Faculty Senate) – Report on Faculty Senate Affairs

TAB B

President's Report
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As graduation approaches where nearly 2,500 Eastern students cross the stage, we hear so many wonderful stories at award ceremonies of our faculty mentoring and student accomplishments. It is a time of pride. And, it is a time to thank the students; our faculty who lead, nurture, coach and instruct; and, our staff who provide unwavering support for our students.

For students, the future is reflected by a young man who recently emceed our Undergraduate Symposium, Ian Pendleton. Ian is a four-time Symposium participant, a Biochemistry major who was one of 74 students selected out of more than 850 across the country to present his research one week from today on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Ian has conducted his work under the outstanding direction of Professor Harriet Lindsay who mentors many students in her laboratory.

Among our faculty, the future is evident in the work of Frank Fedel, assistant professor and research director for the Prosthetic and Orthotics Program. Professor Fedel's invention, designed in partnership with a Michigan firm, recently won top honors in a NASA design competition. Their invention of a wireless device that measures stress on artificial limbs is now being sold internationally and shipped to labs around the world. Eastern's role in the community has never been more vital. An example is Hamilton Crossing, a new apartment community under renovation in Ypsilanti. Formerly known as the Parkview Apartments, the HUD subsidized complex was a center for crime, drug trafficking and high student dropout rates. Eastern received a \$250,000 grant from The Kresge Foundation to develop innovative self-sufficiency programs for residents and to help children break the cycle of poverty. Our involvement will include computer and financial literacy training, as well as volunteer opportunities for students. History professor Russ Olwell is leading the effort.

I recently testified before the Michigan House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee and emphasized the importance of increased state funding of higher education. A decade of disinvestment of \$1 billion taken from the 15 public universities, including last year's 15 percent cut of \$216 million, has led the state to the bottom 10 in the nation for funding of higher education. The proposed modest one-time increase this year is a small help, but does nothing to permanently reinvest in higher education. Eastern leads the state over the last three years in tuition restraint and deserves to be rewarded for that in future funding models.

We also continue improvements to residence halls and dining facilities. Today we recommend for Board of Regents approval an increase of 4.95 percent for room-and-board rates for 2012-13. The rate increase will enable Housing and Dining Services to meet the increased costs of energy, food and supplies while addressing critical, deferred maintenance and modernization expenses. We must reinvest to revitalize the campus.

Even with this increase for 2012-2013, our housing and dining rates are among the lower room and board rates at Michigan's 15 public universities. Eastern was the only university in the state to freeze tuition and room and board rates in 2010, and its aggregate room and board rate increase of \$543 over the past three years is the second lowest in the state.

From fiscal 2009 through this year, we have spent approximately \$19.5 million on needed, energy efficient residence hall renovations to create a better environment for our students. Projects under consideration for the next five years include renovations to Best, Wise, Buell and Downing residence halls, to the Dining Commons that connects those four halls, to Westview Apartments and to the Eastern Eateries.

Invest. Inspire, the Campaign for Eastern Michigan University has hit another milestone. Gifts from generous donors have pushed us past the \$55 million mark in our \$50 million campaign. The full President's Report, with additional information, is available on the University's website.

Thank you, Chairman Wilbanks.

Susan Martin

Section 1

RESOLUTION: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Regent Clack moved and Regent Sidlik seconded that the Board approve the Resolution recognizing the Women's Basketball Team for winning the 2011-12 Mid-American Conference West Division Championship and for qualifying for its second-ever NCAA Tournament.

Motion Carried

Section 2

RESOLUTION: TAVELYN JAMES

Tavelyn James was unable to attend the Board meeting so this item was tabled.

Section 3**RESOLUTION: MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM/BUCK SMITH**

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Morris seconded that the Board approve the Resolution recognizing the Men's Swimming and Diving Team for winning the 2012 Mid-American Conference Championship and congratulated diving coach Buck Smith for being named MAC Diving Coach of the Year.

Motion Carried**Section 4****RESOLUTION: MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM/COACH ROB MURPHY**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Sidlik seconded that the Board approve the Resolution recognizing the Men's Basketball Team for winning the 2012 Mid-American Conference West Division Championship and congratulated coach Rob Murphy for being named MAC Coach of the Year and the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I District 14 Co-Coach of the Year.

Motion Carried**Section 5****RESOLUTION: PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR ADVANCING EMU**

Regent Sidlik moved and Regent Parker seconded that the Board approve the Resolution recognizing the following for advancing the University through philanthropy and strategic investment and who have substantially contributed to the preservation and growth of University resources: Dan and Florentina McClory, Steve and Jackie Tracy, American Electric Power Foundation, Mike and Karen Paciorek, City of Ypsilanti (Oakwood Project) – Mayor Paul Schreiber, Council Member Michael Bodary, Council Member Daniel Vogt, Teresa Gillotti, and Stan Kirton.

Motion Carried

Section 6**RESOLUTION: UNDERGRADUATE SYMPOSIUM**

Regent Parker moved and Regent Fitzsimmons seconded that the Board approve the Resolution recognizing the exceptional student research and creative work at the 32nd annual Undergraduate Symposium.

Motion Carried**Section 7****PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Regent Parker moved and Regent Stapleton seconded that the proposed minutes be approved as submitted.

Motion Carried**Section 8****EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS**

Regent Sidlik moved and Regent Morris seconded that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus status to three former faculty members: Krishnaswamy Rengan, Lynn Rocklage, and John Waltman.

Motion Carried**Section 9****STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

Regent Morris moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents approve 17 staff appointments for reporting period January 1, 2012 to April 15, 2012.

Motion Carried

Section 10

STAFF SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Regent Morris moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents approve 21 separations and retirements for the reporting period of January 1, 2012 to April 15, 2012.

Motion Carried

Section 11

MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES – STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent Fitzsimmons moved and Regent Sidlik seconded that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for April 17, 2012 and the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 12

MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES – ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Morris seconded that the Athletic Affairs Committee Agenda for April 17, 2012 and the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 13

MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES – FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent Parker moved and Regent Hawks seconded that the Faculty Affairs Committee Agenda for April 17, 2012 and the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 14

**MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES – EDUCATIONAL POLICIES
COMMITTEE**

Regent Sidlik moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for April 17, 2012 and the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 15

REPORT: 2012-2013 SABBATICAL LEAVE AWARDS

Regent Sidlik moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on 2012-2013 Sabbatical Leave Awards.

Motion Carried

Section 16

**REPORT: SUMMER 2012, FALL 2012, and FIRST ROUND OF WINTER 2013
FACULTY RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY FELLOWSHIPS**

Regent Sidlik moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on Summer 2012, Fall 2012, and first round of Winter 2013 Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships.

Motion Carried

Section 17**REPORT: SUMMER 2012 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH STIMULUS PROGRAM AWARDS**

Regent Sidlik moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the Summer 2012 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards.

Motion Carried**Section 18****ADOPTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTOR METHOD OF SELECTION RESOLUTION**

Regent Sidlik moved and Regent Morris seconded that the Board of Regents adopt the resolution outlining a revised method of selecting board of directors of public school academies, schools of excellence and strict discipline academies.

Motion Carried**Section 19****MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES – FINANCE, AUDIT AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Regent Morris moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the Minutes from the February 21, 2012 Finance, Audit and Investment Committee meeting, the Agenda for the April 17, 2012 meeting and the Informational Reports and Financial Updates.

Motion Carried

Section 20**2012-13 RATES FOR ROOM, BOARD AND APARTMENTS**

Regent Morris moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents approve the 2012-13 rates for residence halls, meal plans, and apartments. Secretary Reaume took a roll call vote.

Motion Carried**Section 21****OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

Regent Morris moved and Regent Stapleton seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the OMB Circular A-133 Supplementary Financial Reports for the year ended June 30, 2011.

Motion Carried**Section 22****REVISION TO RED FLAGS RULES POLICY**

Regent Morris moved and Regent Clack seconded that the Board of Regents approve revisions to the University's Red Flags Rules policy.

Motion Carried**Section 23****EMERITUS STAFF STATUS POLICY REVISION**

This item was tabled.

Section 24**APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR EAGLE CREST CORPORATE EDUCATION CENTER AND BANQUET FACILITY BETWEEN EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND MFS YPSILANTI HOLDINGS, LLC**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Fitzsimmons seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Management Agreement between the Board of Regents of Eastern Michigan University and MFS Ypsilanti Holdings LLC, owners of the Marriott Hotel at Eagle Crest. Further it was recommended that the Board authorize the Chair of the Board of Regents to sign the Agreement on behalf of Eastern Michigan University, and also to make non-material changes to the agreement.

Motion Carried**Section 25****APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND MFS YPSILANTI HOLDINGS, LLC**

Regent Clack moved and Regent Parker seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Second Amended and Restated Joint Operating Agreement between the Board of Regents of Eastern Michigan University and MFS Ypsilanti Holdings LLC, owners of the Marriott Hotel at Eagle Crest. Further it was recommended that the Board authorize the Chair of the Board of Regents to sign the Agreement on behalf of Eastern Michigan University, and also to make non-material changes to the agreement.

Motion Carried**Section 26****APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REGENTS AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS**

In accordance with the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents By-Laws, Article V, Section 2, Special Committees may be authorized or appointed by the Chairperson of the Board at his or her discretion.

Chairman Wilbanks announced the appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee on Negotiations to work with the President and her team on negotiations for the remaining employment contracts this year. This appointment is effective immediately and will conclude when the contracts are approved by the members of the Board of Regents.

Regent Mike Morris, will serve as Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Negotiations. In addition, Board of Regents Vice Chair Francine Parker will serve on the Committee along with Regent James Stapleton.

Chairman Wilbanks called for any further business to be brought before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Reaume
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents