

# BOARD OF REGENTS

## EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 7

DATE:

September 18, 2012

### RECOMMENDATION

#### EMERITUS STAFF STATUS

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff Status to six (6) staff members: Ada Barrett, Supervisor of the Audit Support Team in Records and Registration, who retired June 9, 2011; Henry Braunz, Heating Plant foreperson for the Physical Plant, retired on March 1, 2012; Veda Jenkins, Associate Director, Budget Management, who retired March 30, 2012; Loretta Newman, Administrative Secretary to the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, who retired February 3, 2012; Teri Papp, Administrative Associate to the Vice President for Student Affairs, who retired on January 13, 2012; and Art Timko, Executive Director of WEMU, who retired on December 23, 2010.

#### **STAFF SUMMARY**

According to University policy, retiring Administration Professional (AP), Athletic Coaches (AC), Confidential Clerical (CC), Food Service, Custodial & Maintenance (FM), Professional Technical (PT) or Clerical Secretarial (CS) staff members who have served the University for at least fifteen (15) years, may be granted Emeritus Staff Status. Such status is conferred based on the recommendation of the President and approval of the Board of Regents.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
University Executive Officer  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Division of Academic Affairs

EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department of R & R recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Staff Status** for the following retiring/retired staff member:

Name of Staff Member: ADA LOUISE BARRETT

Current Status at EMU: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Hire at EMU: 7/20/1993 Retirement Date: June 9, 2011

Number of Years at EMU: 18 (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: \_\_\_\_\_

Masters: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctoral: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this Form

Emeritus Staff status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. The above information will be kept on file at the EMU Foundation.

Recommended by (please print) U Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head and/or Supervisor / / Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dean and/or Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Provost \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted to Board of Regents \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this completed form to: Nicki Banush  
Academic Affairs, 106 Welch Hall

April 12, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I may recommend Ada Louise Barrett for Emeritus Staff status. Ada was employed as a clerical support staff in the Office of Records and Registration for almost 18 years and retired from that position on June 9, 2011.

She was a valuable member of the Records and Registration staff. She processed all graduation applications and teacher certification applications to the Michigan Department of Education.

She continually embraced learning the new systems imposed to allow our graduates to reach their goals and earn their degrees

I would highly recommend Ada for Emeritus Staff status for her 18 years of loyal service and her contributions to the EMU family.

Sincerely

Judy Massingill

Coordinator, Graduation Audit, Records and Registration

**EASTERN**  
**MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
*OFFICE of RECORDS AND REGISTRATION*

August 14, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

I worked directly with Ada Barrett from 1997 until she retired in 2011 and am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Emeritus status on her behalf. Ada was an invaluable part of our office, as well as a knowledgeable resource. Her assistance in the graduation process was vital to our office by ensuring that every graduation application was manually, and correctly, processed into our current electronic system and sending all recommendations for teacher certificate candidates to the State of Michigan, among many other duties. As one of her co-workers, I saw examples of her dedication to EMU and our students every day and have long been impressed by her willingness and work ethic.

Ada had an outstanding understanding of EMU's graduation and graduation audit processes and had become a person you could always count on to assist you. I must also make note of Ada's positive attitude and "never quit" frame of mind. Regardless of how mundane a task was, she forged through and always did her best. Her pleasant demeanor enhanced and created a positive atmosphere within our office, always making her a joy to work with.

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm my strong recommendation for Emeritus status for Ada Barrett. If your program is seeking superior candidates, Ada is an excellent choice. If you have any further questions regarding Ada or this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Frady  
Manager, Operations  
Office of Records and Registration  
Eastern Michigan University  
303 Pierce Hall  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
734-487-4112





EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Division of Academic Affairs

EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department of PHYSICAL PLANT recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Staff Status** for the following retiring/retired staff member:

Name of Staff Member: HENRY BRAUNZ

Current Status at EMU: Full Time - PERMANENT

Date of Hire at EMU: 2/15/1982 Retirement Date: MARCH 1, 2012

Number of Years at EMU: 30 (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: B.A. - U. OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR

Masters: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctoral: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this Form

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Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head and/or Supervisor / Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Dean and/or Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_)

Provost \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted to Board of Regents \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this completed form to: Nicki Banush  
Academic Affairs, 106 Welch Hall



March 3, 2012

Nicki Banush  
Academic Affairs  
106 Welch Hall

RE: Emeritus Staff Recommendation for Henry Braunz

Dear Ms. Banush,

I am honored to nominate Mr. Henry Braunz for emeritus staff status. Henry retired March 1, 2012 after over 30 years of service as the Heating Plant foreperson.

Henry was responsible for the continued operation and maintenance of the Heating Plant, leading the effort to provide consistent heating and electricity to the buildings on campus. Because the Heating Plant is in continuous operation, Henry was on call and available at all times to assist the operators through any problems that were encountered. Henry's expertise and experience proved invaluable in many situations, especially during electrical outages on campus. Henry could always be counted on to keep a cool head and make sure the proper procedures were followed to restore normal operation.

During the 18 months that I was Henry's supervisor, I was able to work closely with him on a number of matters, including utility billing, compliance documentation and reporting, and daily Heating Plant operations. Henry always proved more than capable of completing assigned tasks, and could be counted on to provide background information for all of his decisions and analysis. It was a pleasure working with someone that was always available, accurate, and thorough in all matters.

I highly recommend Henry for emeritus staff status and strongly encourage you to approve this request. If you need further information, please let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven Moore II, PE, CEM, LEED AP  
Energy and Sustainability Manager



August 22, 2012

RE: Emeritus Staff Recommendation for Henry Braunz

To Whom it May Concern:

I am honored to nominate Mr. Henry Braunz for emeritus staff status. Henry retired as the Heating Plant Foreperson on March 1, 2012 after more than 30 years of service.

Henry was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Heating Plant which supplies steam and electric services to the majority of the buildings on campus. Henry's knowledge of the Heating Plant operation and attention to detail proved invaluable on many occasions. Whether dealing with an electrical outage, utility billing issues, or environmental compliance issues, Henry would always do his best to do what was best for Eastern.

During his extensive career as Heating Plant foreperson, Henry was instrumental in several upgrades/improvements to the campus infrastructure. These improvements include installation of the cogeneration unit whereby EMU began generating a portion of its own electricity realizing an initial annual savings of almost \$1,000,000/yr and upgrading the campus electrical distribution system from a 4,800 volt system to a 13,200 volt system to support the ever growing campus.

I recommend Henry for emeritus staff status and encourage you to approve this request. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Monarch  
Maintenance and Operations Manager  
Physical Plant



**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECOMMENDATION**

The Department/Office of Budget recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Staff Status** for the following retiring/retired staff member:

Name of Staff Member: Veda Jenkins

Current Status at EMU: Retired

Date of Hire at EMU: May 13, 1985

Retirement Date: March 30, 2012

Number of Years at EMU: 27 years (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: Business Administration 1999

Masters: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctoral: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this Form and Two Recommendation Letters.**

Todd Ohmer 8/20/12  
Recommended by (please print) Date

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Department Head and/or Supervisor

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
~~Executive~~ Council Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
President Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted to Board of Regents

After the Executive Council member signs, please forward this form to: Office of the President, 202 Welch Hall. Upon approval of the President, the recommendation will be sent to the Board of Regents. Emeritus Staff status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. The above information will be kept on file in the Business and Finance Office.

8/13/12



## EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

April 10, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write a letter of support for Ms. Veda Jenkins as a candidate for consideration of Emeritus Staff Status. I am pleased to do so. I have known Ms. Jenkins as a colleague for over fifteen years. Throughout those years Veda has dedicated herself by providing quality service for the University as a Business and Finance staff member.

Most of my experience with Veda came as a result of her support for the Division of Student Affairs. Veda served as the faculty advisor for several student organizations, and aided my student groups with working through the sometimes complicated system in order that a vendor was paid on a timely basis. Most recently Veda helped many students prepare and represent themselves for grade grievance and student conduct hearings. She has been a very successful and devoted advocate.

Ms. Jenkins has committed to keeping in touch with her friends at Eastern Michigan University. Emeritus Staff Status would certainly provide her the opportunity to do so. I am pleased to recommend Ms. Veda Jenkins for Emeritus Status.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Peoples, University Ombudsman

# EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012

To whom it may concern:

I am submitting this letter of support for Veda Jenkins for Emeritus Staff Status. Veda worked for Eastern Michigan University for over twenty-seven years, with the majority of that time in the Budget Office. I have known Veda for the last ten years. Over the last few years when the University was transitioning between Budget Managers, I got to work with Veda more. She would help out with budget reports, forecasting, health care projections, etc. She was what was constant within the department. To me, she was "the rock" within the department. If you needed something from the budget office you could always count on Veda to deliver. Veda always has a knack for customer service and her commitment to the University never wavered. She would always go out of her way to help you in any situation and did it with a smile on her face.

Veda also was the link between the University and the community. Veda serves on the Board for the Ypsilanti Meals and Wheels and was instrumental in the relationship between the University and this wonderful organization.

Veda is passionate about Eastern and keeps in regular contact with her former colleagues. I can't stress enough how much of an honor this would mean to her. With that, I am proud to recommend Veda Jenkins for Emeritus Staff Status.

Sincerely,

Todd Ohmer

Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer



# EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Division of Academic Affairs

## EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Academic Human Resources recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Staff Status** for the following retiring/retired staff member:

Name of Staff Member: Loretta Newman

Current Status at EMU: Retired

Date of Hire at EMU: 8/24/87 + 7/24/06 Retirement Date: 9/5/03 + 2/3/12

Number of Years at EMU: 22 yrs total (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: \_\_\_\_\_

Masters: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctoral: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this Form

Emeritus Staff status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. The above information will be kept on file at the EMU Foundation.

Mary Linblade 4/25/12  
Recommended by (please print) Date

Department Head and/or Supervisor Date

Dean and/or Vice President Date

Provost Date

Date Submitted to Board of Regents

Please forward this completed form to: Nicki Banush  
Academic Affairs, 106 Welch Hall

April 25, 2012

RE: Emeritus Staff Status for Loretta Newman

Dear Board Members:

It is my pleasure to recommend Emeritus Staff Status for Loretta Newman. During her time at EMU, Loretta served as Administrative Secretary to the Executive Director of Budget, the Vice President for University Relations and the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Loretta initially retired in 2003 and moved to Florida, but she found retirement not to her liking and ended up moving back to Michigan. In July, 2006 she decided that she truly missed working for EMU and interacting with her friends and colleagues and applied for a position in Academic Human Resources, for which she was hired. She retired a second time in February of this year, giving her a total of 22 years of service to the University.

In her various positions at the University, Loretta had always performed her duties in a professional manner and provided the best customer service possible. She had a great love for the EMU community and well as the Ypsilanti Community and this was reflected by her participation in graduation events, Alumni Homecoming tailgates, Relay for Life, Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels and the Washtenaw County Red Cross.

Loretta's years of dedication to both EMU and the community make her an excellent candidate to consider for Staff Emeritus Status.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. She is truly deserving.

Sincerely,

Mary Linblade  
Associate Director  
Academic Human Resources



August 14, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Emeritus Status for Loretta Newman

I am happy to support the recommendation for Loretta Newman for Emeritus Staff Status. I have worked closely with Loretta on many campus and community projects in the last 15 years. You can count on the job or project being done quickly and professionally when Loretta takes it on. Her love for Eastern Michigan University was evident when she retired after 16 years of service and then came back to work for six more years. She definitely bleeds green!

I have worked with Loretta on the Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels Home Tour planning committee for the last 6 years. Loretta was in charge of distributing the tickets and collecting the sales for all of the stores and restaurants. In her usual organized fashion, she took on the responsibility and made the job look easy! She has also been a Home Tour guide for many years and has represented EMU well.

I have also worked side by side with Loretta on many United Way Day of Caring projects. I specifically remember one year when we split wood for firewood at a camp. There are no jobs that Loretta won't do to help her community and those she loves. She is a fun-loving person and makes the task she is doing fun no matter how grueling it may be!

Loretta has given a lot of herself to Eastern Michigan University and this small token of appreciation would be only fitting.

Respectfully,

Cathie McClure  
Executive Secretary to the Chief Financial Officer  
Eastern Michigan University

# EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

## EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECOMMENDATION

*Division*

The ~~Department~~ of Student Affairs recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Staff Status** for the following retiring/retired staff member:

Name of Staff Member: Teri Papp

Current Status of EMU: Retired

Date of Hire at EMU: 6/10/85 Retirement Date: 1/13/12

Number of Years at EMU: 26.5 (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: \_\_\_\_\_

Masters: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctoral: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Attach a Statement of Support to this Form and Two Recommendation Letters.

Emeritus Staff status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. The above information will be kept on file in the Board of Regents Office.

Recommended by (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dean or Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted to Board of Regents Office \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this completed form to: Board of Regents Office  
207 Welch Hall

To: Board of Regents

From: Bernice A. Lindke  
Vice President  
Division of Student Affairs

Date: March 16, 2012

Subject: Emeritus Staff Status  
Recommendation for Teri Papp

I am delighted to recommend Teri Papp for Emeritus Staff Status at Eastern Michigan University. This is a distinction that acknowledges her 26 years of excellent service to this university.

This tenure, in and of itself, says a lot about Teri. It demonstrates her commitment, loyalty and strong sense of duty to Eastern Michigan University and to those for whom she served...our students, administration and colleagues. Her choice to devote her time in Student Affairs is also significant. She clearly was passionate about her impact on students' lives and truly cared about their growth and development. A testament to her effect on students was when past student leaders returned to see her to tell her about their lives. Teri clearly mattered to them.

I have worked side-by-side with Teri for five years and have appreciated her loyalty, honesty and support. She is unassuming, never presumptuous, kind and extremely competent. Our division has advanced and benefitted from her competence through her high-quality work and methodical way of getting projects completed.

During her distinguished career, Ms. Papp provided administrative support to three vice presidents. She helped to shape the operations in the central administrative office of the Student Affairs division through her professionalism and focus on students. She served on the Wellness Committee, always participated in the annual House Calls Program, was a BEST Program experiential coach to graduate assistants, and co-chaired our division's Walk for Women's Athletics team.

Teri also received many awards and recognition while she was here. Among the honors bestowed upon her are:

- Role Model and Mentor Award, LGBT Resource Center: 2002 and 2005
- Women of Excellence Award, Women's Resource Center: 2001
- LGBT Student Advocate: 2000
- Gold Medallion Award: 1997

Teri deserves to be among the special retirees who have Emeritus Staff status. Your consideration of this recommendation is greatly appreciated.

May 11, 2012

Dear Vicki:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Emeritus Staff status for Ms. Teri Papp. Teri had a long and dedicated career here at Eastern Michigan University. Teri and I worked together on innumerable projects and committees over the years and I know her commitment to EMU as well as anyone.

There is no one who personifies the word "professional" like Teri Papp. She is the consummate professional and has been the rock for three vice presidents of Student Affairs over more than twenty-seven years here at Eastern Michigan University. This was demonstrated vividly for me a few years ago as we co-chaired the team to coordinate the nomination of Emeritus VP Laurence Smith for a prestigious Alumni Association Award. Teri was the foundation for the communications to many of our alumni who were contacted to support the nomination of Mr. Smith. They all knew Teri well as she was the backbone of support for the VP's Office, a fact recognized by everyone and heartily appreciated.

But Teri is so much more than that. Over the years one comes to realize that Teri has a finely developed philosophy of student affairs and student development. She acts thoughtfully and carefully to respect and support the many students who sought out the Vice President for Student Affairs. Her style was to work mostly behind the scenes, thoroughly reviewing issues, and completely focused on helping students and staff. She enabled us to do the best job possible.

For me, Teri's retirement in January was the end of an era. We lost an important Student Affairs voice in the division and at EMU. Some said that Teri was a professional student affairs worker in disguise. In fact, she was a very effective student advocate and certainly a student affairs professional. Her voice was an important voice for students, and integrity, and doing the right thing. Teri has been dependable, consistent, student-focused, caring, detailed, insightful...those would be just a few of the words I would use to describe her. Some of our current professional staff at EMU started here as students and then student leaders. They know Teri as all of these characteristics.

Teri has been the backbone of the EMU Relay for Life team in the Ypsilanti American Cancer Society event every June. Again we see the behind the scenes leadership so evident over the years, never taking credit, but always part of the accomplishment and solution. She was a member of many university committees and volunteered for important university events such as the WEMU fund drives, Fall Orientation and the United Way. She was invaluable on the Student Center Grand Opening team. The list goes on and on.

Fortunately, she has been recognized over the years with important awards from student organizations and the university including the LGBT Role Model and Mentor Award and the DSA Gold Medallion. The Emeritus Status is the appropriate recognition now. I hope you will join me in honoring the outstanding commitment and contributions of Teri Papp. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Glenna Frank Miller

Executive Director, Student Life

Vicki Reaume  
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents  
Welch Hall

May 7, 2012

Dear Vicki,

I am writing in support of the recommendation to award Emeritus Staff Status to Teri Papp, who retired on January 13, 2012 after serving Eastern Michigan University for 26 ½ years. I have had the privilege of knowing and working alongside Teri during her whole tenure at Eastern.

While Teri has matured and grown in her various work roles over the years, her commitment to and passion for this university (and especially for our students) on both a professional and personal level has always been strong.

Teri epitomizes the term "goodwill ambassador" for the Division of Student Affairs and the university as a whole. In her various roles in the Vice President's office, she has had the opportunity to interact with many students, faculty and staff in a wide range of circumstances, and always works to meet the needs of those constituents, so they feel like they have had a quality interaction with the vice president's office. She has been recognized in her role with several university awards such as the DSA Gold Medallion, Women of Excellence Award, and LGBT Resource Center Role Model and Mentor Award.

She has served on numerous university committees in her 26 years at EMU. From committees such as the Continuous Improvement Operating Council and EMU United Way Day of Caring Steering Committee to the DSA Council for Student Wellness and Systems Portfolio Category Team, Teri has extended herself well beyond the call of duty to serve the EMU campus community.

Not only has Teri been an ambassador within the university, she has been an ambassador in the Ypsilanti community on behalf of Eastern. Teri has co-captained Team EMU for the Ypsilanti Relay for Life, participated on the EMU Heart Walk team, and worked on the EMU United Way Day of Caring Team, to name just a few involvements.

One specific initiative that I have worked closely with Teri on in the past couple years is in the development and implementation of a divisional strategic plan. Her contributions to the strategic planning process were invaluable, working in a small DSA team to think through the process, masterfully write the goals, develop and follow a timeline for operationalizing the plan, and most importantly, proving a much needed perspective and willingness to share it.

I can think of no better retired employee to award the status of emeritus to than Teri Papp. She has and will continue to bleed 'green and white' for years to come. If I can provide further information, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ellen Gold  
Executive Director, Student Well Being



**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
Division of Academic Affairs

**EMERITUS STAFF STATUS RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Charter Schools Office recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Staff Status** for the following retiring/retired staff member:

Name of Staff Member: Arthur Timko

Current Status at EMU: Retired - WEMU Executive Director

Date of Hire at EMU: August 30, 1971 Retirement Date: December 23, 2010

Number of Years at EMU: 42 (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: Eastern Michigan University 1968

Masters: Eastern Michigan University 1971

Doctoral: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this Form

Emeritus Staff status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. The above information will be kept on file at the EMU Foundation.

Malverne C. Winborne 10-10-11  
Recommended by (please print) Date

Department Head and/or Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dean and/or Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Provost \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted to Board of Regents \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this completed form to: Nicki Banush  
Academic Affairs, 106 Welch Hall



# EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

October 13, 2011

It is my pleasure to nominate Mr. Arthur Timko for emeritus status. Art retired from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) as executive director of WEMU radio station in December 2010 after 42 years of service.

Art Timko received his bachelor's degree in August 1968 from Eastern Michigan University. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Army and served the United States honorably in Vietnam as a sergeant with the 101st Airborne Division. Upon completing his military duty, Art obtained a Master's Degree in 1971 from EMU while working as a graduate assistant at the station.

Art began his long-term association with WEMU as a student employee in 1968, reconnecting with the station following his military service. He held several positions at the station including student employee, producer/director, program director, station manager and finally executive director.

Art Timko had a distinguished career at WEMU. The following list highlights some of his accomplishments.

- Helped raise annual donor income from \$35,000 to more than \$580,000 per year.
- Expanded the station's on-air time from seven and one-half hours, five days-a-week to 24 hours, seven-days-a-week.
- Expanded the staff to 12 full-time employees from its initial six.
- Under his leadership, WEMU earned multiple awards for news coverage and national recognition as a premier jazz station.
- Executive producer of four national broadcasts from the Detroit International Jazz Festival.
- Executive producer of a 13-part series of one-hour programs featuring music from the 1981 Montreux/Detroit Jazz Festival.
- Executive producer of four music record albums recorded at the Detroit International Jazz Festival.
- Financed (via a re-paid loan from EMU) a new broadcast tower which increased the station's coverage area significantly, resulting in a broadened audience and a sizeable increase in donations.
- Developed numerous partnerships with community organizations.



- In partnership with EMU and UAW Local 1976, established a category of temporary employee which permitted WEMU to use specialized talent to work at WEMU which led the way to an increased audience and donations. Three of these positions were eventually converted to full-time, donor-funded positions.

These accomplishments have enhanced Eastern Michigan University's presence in the greater Ypsilanti/Washtenaw County area.

In addition, Art assisted the University when called upon filling in as the interim vice president for communications thereby allowing EMU to complete a thorough job search. Art Timko has a strong sense of loyalty to the Eastern Michigan University family.

When Art made his decision to retire, he delayed his departure to ensure that the succession process from WEMU, a radio station he led and loved for more than four decades, would be as seamless as possible.

Art's greatest assets were his focused, firm yet calm leadership style and his commitment to the University and the public at large which assured that WEMU delivered in providing the community with outstanding jazz music, news, and public information.

Hence, I am proud to nominate my friend and Eastern Michigan University's friend, Mr. Arthur Timko. I cannot think of a more deserving person to receive this honor.

Malverne C. Winborne, Ph.D.  
Director of Charter Schools



August 14, 2012

I am writing in support of Dr. Malverne Winborne's nomination of Arthur Timko for EMU Emeritus Staff status.

I had the good fortune to work with Art for nineteen years, from 1991 to 2010. In that time he went from supervisor to adviser to trusted mentor. Under his supervision and direction I learned not only about WEMU but about the entire public broadcasting industry and its relationship to EMU. He taught me about forming strong institutional relationships and lived that every day. I never have seen anyone more genuinely liked and respected on this campus across all departments and divisions. His dignity, grace, and humility served him well as station manager and earned him the trust, respect, and friendship of a diverse group of staff members. He left a strong legacy that we work every day to uphold.

Art's reputation for integrity and his expertise as a public broadcaster carried him far beyond King Hall on the EMU campus. He held every office on the Michigan Association of Public Broadcasters' Board of Directors and was president at least twice. In addition, he served as a station representative on the NPR Board of Directors. The relationships he formed with Public Radio In Middle America (PRIMA), the University Station Alliance (USA), the Public Radio Program Directors (PRPD) continue to bear fruit to this day. And he generously shared his expertise by teaching a broadcast management class at EMU for many years.

Art was a public radio innovator; taking chances on programs as they became available instead of taking the cautious approach of much of WEMU's competition. NPR stalwarts Morning Edition, Fresh Air, Car Talk, and Weekend Edition all made their SE Michigan debuts on WEMU as did the PRI powerhouse, A Prairie Home Companion. Just as shrewdly, Art also made the bold decision to drop some of the more expensive programs when they became cost-prohibitive, seeking out newer sensations such as Wait Wait....Don't Tell Me and Bob Edwards Weekend. He is well respected in the industry as a creative and strong programmer.

Finally, throughout his career, Art remained committed and dedicated to Eastern Michigan University. As a two-time alumnus, he is immensely proud of the education he received here. He has supported the University financially and with his time, serving on various committees and commissions throughout his tenure, attending athletic and cultural events, and serving as a mentor to the hundreds of students who have taken his class and/or worked at WEMU. His dedication to EMU was rewarded with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000.

As WEMU moves forward, Art's legacy of integrity, ethics, programming, and dedication continues to serve us well. Art Timko put WEMU on the map and we work diligently to uphold his vision every day. Art Timko is TruEMU and I wholeheartedly endorse his nomination for Emeritus status.

Sincerely,

Mary Motherwell  
General Manager

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