

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for September 18, 2012 and the Minutes of June 19, 2012 be received and placed on file.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

At the June 19, 2012 meeting new members who were on campus for the summer were introduced. The committee received the report on the Sample of Student Engagement: Leadership, Service and Activities presented on campus during Winter 2012, and a report on the Minor Alcohol Exemption Bill and the process that will be undertaken for complying with the law.

Announcements included the review of the issue of tuition status for undocumented students and the decision that Eastern Michigan University is unable to change its tuition policy for undocumented students at this time. Additionally, a pilot program will begin in the fall to shift the 24 hour computer lab from the Student Center to Halle Library, and an exploration of reciprocal library privileges for this coming fall for graduate and undergraduate students for privileges at U of M and EMU.

The September 18, 2012 agenda includes introduction of new members, the annual fall start-up report, the 2012-13 Student Affairs Advisory Council and Student Government priorities, a report from the Minor Alcohol Exemption Bill (Medical Amnesty) Committee and the Medical Amnesty Policy.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

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University Executive Officer

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Date

**Eastern Michigan University**  
Board of Regents  
Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, September 18, 2012  
10:00 a.m.

Room 201  
Welch Hall

Agenda

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| 1. Approval of June 19, 2012 minutes   | Regent Fitzsimmons  |
| 2. Introduction of New Members and Regents in Attendance   | Kim Schatzel  |
| 3. Annual Fall Start-Up Report   | Meilssa Ginotti,<br>Marney Buss,<br>BJ Selfridge & students |
| 4. Report on the Development of the SAAC and Student Government Actions Items for 2012-13                  | Student Members of<br>the SAAC                              |
| 5. Report from the Minor Alcohol Exemption Bill (Medical Amnesty) Committee and the Medical Amnesty Policy | Gloria Hage,<br>Jesus Hernandez &<br>Matthew Norfleet       |
| 6. Announcements   |   |
| • New Library Service of Reciprocal Borrowing from University of Michigan Libraries                        |   |
| • Turbo Vote   |   |
| • Latino Heritage Month  |   |

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Board of Regents  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of June 19, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Regents: Beth Fitzsimmons

Administration: Bernice Lindke, Melissa Ginotti

Students: Allison Barkel, Chereese Dafney, Desmond Miller, Brittany Galloway, Muneeb Khan, Matthew Norfleet, Bryan Michalowski, Jessica Potter, Trevis Harrold, Oona Friedland

**GUESTS**

Administration: Chris Aris, Reggie Barnes, Meredith Blaine, Marney Buss, Cliff Camp, Brian Fitzgerald, Lou Gianino, Ellen Gold, Robert Heighes, Jesús Hernández, Katie Holdgreve Resendez, Jessica Klein, Amanda Lefeld, Glenna Frank Miller, Carl Powell, Nik Rachowicz, Deb deLaski-Smith, Kyle Sutherland, Colleen Tompkins, Kathy Walz, Casey Wooster

Regent Fitzsimmons convened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

**Introductions**

Members of the Student Affairs Advisory Council introduced themselves and the constituents they represent.

**Sample of Student Engagement: Leadership, Services and Activities**

Research shows that student engagement is directly related to student success. For example, a student, who devotes considerable time and energy to studying, participating in student organizations and campus activities, and interacting more frequently with faculty members and other students, is more likely to stay in school and graduate.

Student volunteerism through the VISION Volunteer Center provides students and EMU community members with opportunities to learn more about social issues, develop leadership skills and get involved to make a positive change in our communities. America Reads, Best Buddies, Kid Konnection, GREEN, Habitat for Humanity and Alternative Breaks are just some of the many programs in which our students participate.

EMU LeaderShape is a 6-day intensive experience for students and is facilitated by faculty, staff and alumni. LeaderShape just celebrated 12 years with 597 graduates from the program.

The Greek Standards and Assessment program was designed to hold fraternities and sororities to a higher standard of excellence in intellectual development, leadership development, civic engagement, integration of purpose and positive relationships. 22 Greek Chapters participated in this year's program.

EMU After Dark began in 2008 and is a series of late night events with the purpose of offering regularly scheduled weekly alcohol free social activities. Some of the programs are the Sky Lounge, Laugh Lounge, Lyric Lounge, Storytellers Lounge and Friday Night Movies. All programs have continually increased in attendance with the movie attendance more than doubling this year compared to four years ago.

This was the first year that TEDx was held on campus. TEDx is designed to give communities, organizations and individuals the opportunity to stimulate dialogue through TED-like experiences through carefully prepared presentations, demonstrations and performances to foster learning, inspiration and

provoke conversations.

### **Minor Alcohol Exemption Bill**

The new "medical amnesty" law, otherwise known as the MIP (minor in possession) law, took effect on June 1, 2012. It amends the broader law that governs sale and use of alcohol to persons under age 21. The amendment creates certain exceptions to the MIP act and provides that there is not a violation of the law if a person under age 21 initiates medical or police assistance for treatment or observation for him/herself or for another.

A report was received regarding the process that will be undertaken for complying with the law, which will consist of a small group of individuals convening from affected areas – General Counsel, DPS, Student Health, Student Conduct, Student Government and other Student Affairs personnel – who will study the new law and make recommendations to the administration and to the Board in September regarding implications for the university and recommended policy changes.

### **Undocumented Students**

The administration and regents have reviewed the issue of tuition status for undocumented students. After thoughtful and careful research on this issue, it was concluded that allowing instate tuition to undocumented students violates federal law. As such, Eastern Michigan University is unable to change its tuition policy for undocumented students at this time.

### **Announcements**

A pilot program will begin in the fall to shift the 24 hour computer lab from the Student Center to Halle Library. Carl Powell, Chief Information Officer and Dean Tara Fulton, Librarian, accepted the recommendation from Student Government and indicated that it will be relatively easy to extend the lab to a 24/7 operation. As a pilot program, it will allow students and faculty to provide feedback on the move.

Provost Schatzel and Dean Fulton are working with the University of Michigan for reciprocal library privileges for this coming fall. Hopefully, graduate and undergraduate students will have borrowing privileges at U of M and EMU, and be able to use databases at both libraries.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary

## **Fall Start Up Report 2012**

Introduction of Presenters: Marney Buss, BJ Selfridge, Melissa Ginotti, student representatives

### **1. Changes**

Significant changes and improvements this year that related to the recruiting and matriculation of new students.

- Scholarship Awarding
- Text Campaign
- Fast Track
- Facebook
- Family Text Club
- Living Learning and Theme Communities

### **2. Campus Welcome**

Activities involved in transitioning new students to EMU.

- Orientation Programs
  - First Four
  - Transfer
  - International
  - Graduate
  - Honors College
  - Veterans
- Move In and Meals

### **3. Crew**

Recognition to all staff and students involved in recruitment and fall start up.

**R. Matthew Norfleet**  
*Student Body President*

**Desmond Miller**  
*Student Body Vice President*

### **Proposal Updates**

#### **1. 24 hour Halle Library Lab- SG**

Student Government believes that 24 hour access to an academic environment where students can study, engage and research is essential. Student Government has taken the appropriate steps to ensure that the bottom level of Halle Library is available for all students, any time of the day, this upcoming fall. We intend to heavily encourage students to utilize this resource as its continued availability will depend upon consistent student participation.

**Pilot will begin September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

#### **2. No-Additional Cost Bus passes- SG**

Mobility is essential in shaping the college experience. This initiative in particular has been a part of SG Priorities for more than three years. Student Government is committed to expanding access of the AATA bus system to all EMU Students via Transportation Fee proposals and other methods.

**IN THE WORKS**

#### **3. EMU Tuition Rebate Incentive- SG**

We are committed to maintaining and strengthening the key advantage that Eastern Michigan University holds over its competitors; affordability. Over the years, the university has passed low to no tuition increases for the student body. In light of state funding cuts and rising increases in higher education costs, SG intends to research, draft and propose an inclusive program that awards students upon graduation if certain conditions are met. This program will be sculpted among overall grade point average, four year UG completion for FTIAC students, three year UG completion for transfer students, community service participation, etc. Students that meet the requirements will be rewarded with the sum of increases incurred during their tenure here at Eastern Michigan University.

**IN THE WORKS**

#### **4. Community Meal Plans- SG & SAAC**

We believe that a strengthened relationship between Eastern Michigan University and the surrounding community is important in shaping the overall college experience for students. In an effort to encourage community exploration, appreciation and enrichment, SG will craft a proposal that will in effect allow the student body to purchase a meal plan that can be utilized at local restaurants in addition to dining service options.

## IN THE WORKS

### 5.

#### **University wide recycled paper initiative- SAAC**

In an effort to decrease the university's impact on the environment, we call for the creation, implementation and enforcement of a policy by which EMU requires that all standard non-gloss white 8x11 paper purchased through departments or otherwise, are composed of a minimum percentage of recycled materials. We believe that this policy should be enforced on a rolling timetable, over the next seven years or so. We envision a timetable by which the minimum *[percentage of recycled materials]* threshold will rise based upon the affordability, brightness and quality of paper.

### 6. Departmental Advising- SG & SAAC

~~The University will be implementing academic advising reforms this upcoming school year. SG believes that additional reforms are necessary in order for academic advising to be completely accurate and meaningful for both students and faculty. SG believes that this can be done by implementing a streamlined advisory tool where students and faculty can plan for a graduation completion plan years in advance.~~

**Implementation will begin Fall 2012**

### 7. SAAC Town hall Integration- SG & SAAC

Beginning this fall, Student Government will begin to host monthly town halls in an effort to continuously gauge the priorities of the student body. Within our capacity, we will utilize this forum to introduce, discuss and reprioritize our initiatives, aims, programming and overall vision. We believe that the expansion of this forum to include the members of the Student Affairs Advisory Committee is ideal in that it offers the student body a complete and accurate picture of Student Governance here at the University. In addition, we feel that this venue will better aid the members of SAAC in discovering the students they represent, their concerns and how we all can better address their needs.

**The First EMU Town Hall is set to take place September 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

### 8. Progressive lighting systems- SAAC

We intend to mend university capital outlay policy to require all building upgrades and repairs be accompanied by progressive lighting system installation.

### 9. Universal Restroom Access- SAAC

In an effort to solidify a promise made to SAAC in previous years, we will move to solidify the University's commitment to the creation of at least (1) universal restroom for every building on campus that undergoes a significant remodeling or building process.

### 10. EMU DREAM Act Scholarship- SG & SAAC

In light of recent decisions, Student Government has amended the methods by which the EMU Dream Act should and can be enacted. SG believes that the aims of the EMU DREAM Act can be implemented by the creation of the EMUDA Scholarship. In an effort to evade the legal murkiness that sunk the previous proposal, the scholarship will be privately funded. The scholarship will aim to cover the financial penalty that potential undocumented EMU students would incur upon admission to Eastern Michigan University.

### 11. Student Conduct Reform via Medial Amnesty Implementation- SG

Student government intends to help shape the potential student conduct policy that will arise as a result of State passage of Medical Amnesty legislation.

**UPDATE: Complete. Programming, Student Code Language Pending Board Approval**

### 13. ~~Formation of Academic Affairs Advisory Council- SG~~

~~We will continue to work with the provost to create and enact an academic affairs advisory committee that mirrors the aims of SAAC from an academic perspective.~~

### UPDATED- Restructuring of Student Affairs Advisory Council- SAAC

With the newly implemented University structure in mind, we intend to reassess the membership, aims and priorities to better reflect the needs of the student body both inside and outside the classroom.

### 14. Institutionalizing Voter Registration – SG (Complete in part, Revised in part)

~~Voter Registration has been the work of organizations such as the EMU Votes coalition in the past, registering students at events such as Fajita Fest. This activity has had success in the past but relies largely on volunteer work. In institutionalizing voter registration, the university will strengthen our commitment to the electoral and democratic process. The Student Voter Opportunity to Encourage Registration Act, or Student VOTER Act, would designate federally funded colleges and universities as voter registration agencies, much like state departments of motor vehicles.~~

~~We are hoping this could become part of the university intake process with the hopes of registering a higher percentage of the student body to vote.~~

- Admissions
- Records

**UPDATE:** Student Government has partnered with the University to bring a voter registration & alert system in which every student will have the ability to sign up for email and text message alerts and request both voter registration forms and absentee ballots. This service, Turbovote, will be instrumental to the success of Student Government's dynamic Civic Engagement plan



this fall in addition to ensuring that every EMU Student has an accessible and cost-free tool to exercise their right to vote. Moving forward, we will work to make sure that this service is an element of the Student Fast Track process.

**15. BOTTLING STATIONS- IN THE WORKS.**

**16. STUDENT WELLNESS ADVOCACY- IN THE WORKS.**

# **Student Affairs Advisory Council**

2012/2013 Priorities

(Draft – 8/28/12 by Allison Barkel)

## **Mission Statement**

*“The Student Affairs Advisory Council at Eastern Michigan University exists to advocate for and represent student interests by advising the Provost/Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and the Board of Regents on behalf of the general student body, with the hope of promoting participation, leadership and personal growth for every student.”*

# 2012/2013 Priorities

## Book Exchange

- Peer-to-Peer exchange
- Keep bookstore prices fair

*Muneeb Khan*

## “Pay it Forward” Wristbands

- Create sense of community
- Encourage good deeds
- Use creed words

*Muneeb Khan*

## Improved WiFi in Residence Halls

- Need upgrade
- Estimate cost

*Mallory Apel*

# Promoting Student Use of Student Center

- Create more availability for student organizations for their meetings and events in the Student Center

*Mallory Apel*

# Town Hall Meetings

- Create consistent meeting places and times
- Connect to students and find out their needs

*Matthew Norfleet*

# Engaging Graduate Students

- Distribute Graduate Student Involvement survey
- Develop the Graduate Student Organization

*Mallory Apel*

# Create More Activities to Engage Students

- Build a sense of community
- Develop greater variety of events

*Brittany Galloway*

# Connecting EMU and Ypsilanti Community

## Long Term Goals

- Developing an annual event with a combination of Eastern Michigan and the City of Ypsilanti (Comedy Jam hosted at EMU)
- Brainstorming about the flow of traffic as it is beneficial for both sides.
- Overall, supporting individuals from Eastern Michigan to get further involved with the City of Ypsilanti.

## Short Term Goals

- Working with EMU administrators from a student's perspective.
- Talking to local leaders in the community (City Councilpersons)
- Promoting awareness to individuals from Eastern Michigan that are involved with the City of Ypsilanti.

*Trevis Harrold*

## Additional Student Activities Fair

- Similar to Fajita Fest
- Target all students, not just freshmen
- Winter semester event
- Collaborate with Campus Life and the Winter Solar program

*Desmond Miller*

## Restructuring SAAC

- SAAC student chair
- Assess how members are appointed

*Desmond Miller*



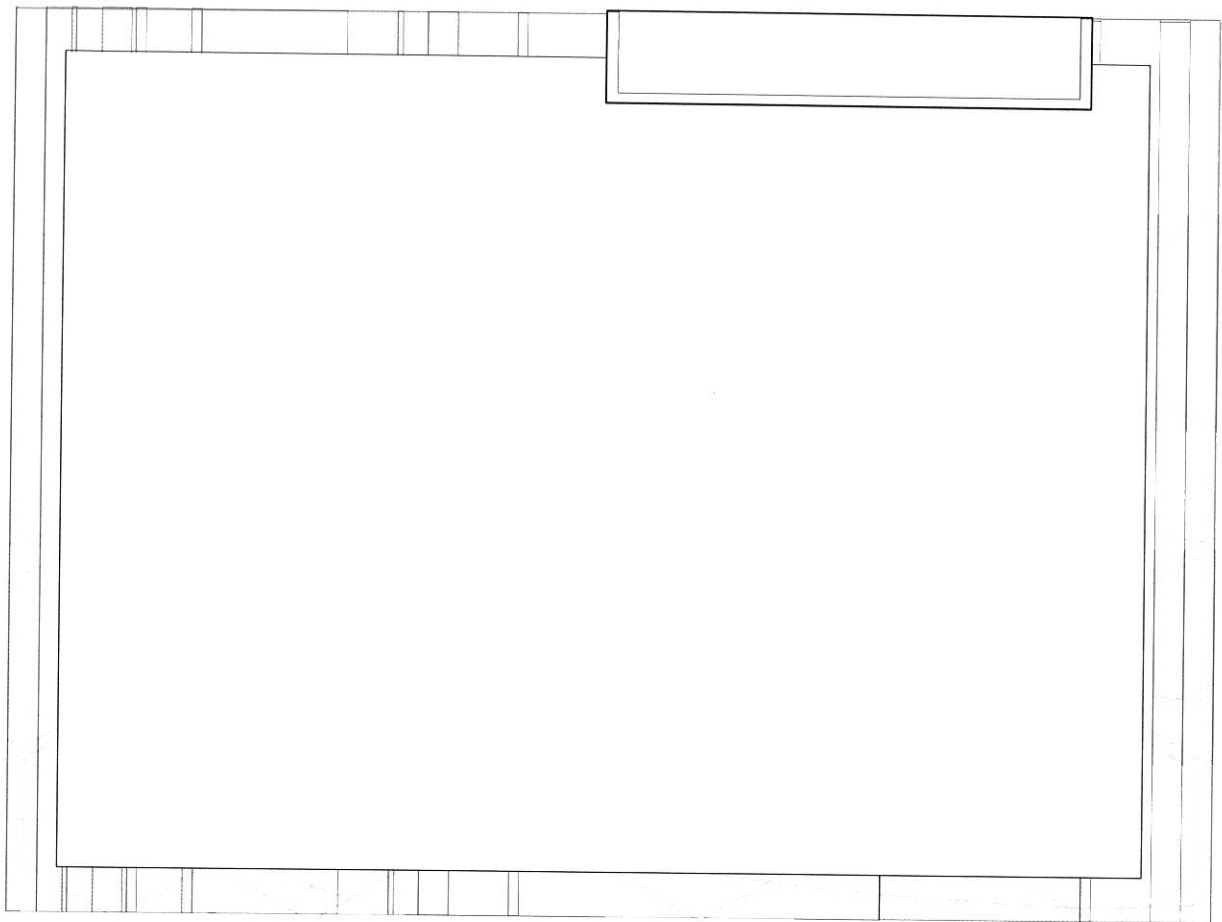
# Involvement of Transfer and Commuter Students

- Change marketing strategy
- Benchmark commuter schools

*Shaquetta Morris*

# Greek Week shared between IFC, CPC and NPHC

*Jessica Potter, Cherese Dafney, Shaquetta Morris*



## Increase Alumni Involvement

- Benchmark with private institutions
- Develop mentorship program
- Develop more connection after graduation

*Allison Barkel*

# Students with Disabilities Organization

- Implement survey
- Make getting across campus easier
- Create more awareness
- Develop training sessions
- Benchmark other universities
- Collaborate with Disability Resource Center

*Bryan Michalowski*

# Suicide Prevention Campaign

- Collaborate with University Health Services
- Out of the Darkness charity campaign
- Work with Washtenaw Alive
  - Workshops
  - Trainings
- Benchmark with other universities

*Brian Michalowski*

## **Student Affairs Committee**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2012**

### **Medical Amnesty Presentation**

- I. Impact of House Bill 4393 (Minor's Alcohol Violation: Exemption) on EMU – Gloria Hage
- II. Recommended Change to the Student Conduct Code – Gloria Hage
- III. EMU Medical Amnesty Policy – Jesus Hernandez
- IV. Medical Amnesty Protocol – Jesus Hernandez
- V. Medical Amnesty Awareness Campaign – Matthew Norfleet

The Medical Amnesty Committee requests support from the SAC to bring the change to the Student Conduct Code related to Medical Amnesty to the full Board for approval.

Presenters:

Gloria Hage – General Counsel, Legal Affairs

Jesus Hernandez – Director, Student Conduct and Community Standards

Matthew Norfleet – President, Student Government

# Medical Amnesty at EMU

Promoting Responsible Decision-Making

# Michigan State Law

## House Bill 4393

- Minor's Alcohol Violation: Exemption (*Medical Amnesty*)
- What does this mean from a legal point of view?

# Student Conduct Code Revision

- Section V: Violations
  - B. Alcohol Violations
    - 1. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the legal drinking age **in violation of** (as defined by) Michigan law.

# EMU Medical Amnesty Policy

- The purpose of the EMU medical amnesty policy is to remove barriers and increase the likelihood that students who require emergency medical assistance as a result of high risk alcohol consumption will seek and receive the medical attention they need. The Michigan medical amnesty law is designed to promote responsible decisions and protects minors from receiving a minor in possession charge if they seek medical help for themselves or another person.



# Overview of EMU Medical Amnesty Process

- Allegations are handled similarly to any other first-time alcohol violation
- Student is presented a medical amnesty application during initial meeting
- Student is required to complete educational interventions
- Sanctions are deferred

# Overview of EMU Medical Amnesty Process

- Administrative Sanction – Formal Reprimand on record
- Student allowed only ONE exemption
- Process applies to both the person receiving help, and the caller
- Ultimate goal is to encourage better long term decision making

# Medical Amnesty Awareness Campaign

- Print Media
- Open Forums
- Student leader and student employee training sessions
- Coordination with student organizations and departments such as:
  - › RHA and Res Life
  - › Campus Life
  - › SCCS
  - › DPS
  - › Student Government
  - › Greek Life

