

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

**MONTHLY REPORT**  
**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for April 16, 2013 and the Minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting be received and placed on file.

**SUMMARY**

The primary items for the April 16, 2013 Educational Policies Committee meeting include:

- (1) Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service Recommendation;
- (2) Program Deletion: Social Studies Major (SOST);
- (3) Proposed Updates to the following Academic Programs and Requirements policies: Undergraduate Classes and Attendance (6.2.1.2), Undergraduate Academic Standing (6.2.1.6);
- (4) Academic Retirements/Separations;
- (5) Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers;
- (6) 2013-2014 Sabbatical Awards;
- (7) 2013-2014 Faculty Research Fellowships;
- (8) New Charter Recommendations;
- (9) Nominations for Board of Director Appointments (New Charters);
- (10) Retention/Student Success Update.

**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.

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University Executive Officer

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Date

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents**  
**Educational Policies Committee**

April 16, 2013  
8:30-9:15 am  
205 Welch Hall

AGENDA

**Agenda Items**

Monthly Report and Minutes (*Regent Fitzsimmons*)  
Honorary Faculty Emeritus Recommendation (*Rhonda Longworth*)  
Program Deletion: Social Studies Major (SOST) (*Rhonda Longworth*)  
Proposed Update to Policy 6.2.1.2, Academic Programs and Requirements, Undergraduate Classes and Attendance (*Rhonda Longworth*)  
Proposed Update to Policy 6.2.1.6, Academic Programs and Requirements, Undergraduate Academic Standing (*Rhonda Longworth*)  
Academic Retirements/Separations (*David Woike*)  
Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers (*David Woike*)  
2013-14 Sabbatical Awards (*James Carroll*)  
Faculty Research Fellowships 2013-14 (*James Carroll*)  
New Charter Recommendations (*Malverne Winborne*)  
Nominations for Board of Director Appointments (New Charters) (*Malverne Winborne*)

**Discussion Items**

Progress Update on Retention/Student Success

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS

**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

February 19, 2013  
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
205 Welch Hall

**Attendees:** (seated at tables) J. Carroll, D. Clearwater, Regent Fitzsimmons (Chair), R. Longworth, Regent Morris (Vice Chair), Provost Schatzel, Regent Mary Treder Lang and M. Winborne

**Guests:** (as signed in) D. Barton, D. Bennion, G. Bennion, J. Bishop, M. Boone, K. Freeman-Doan, A. Dow, L. Findley, T. Fulton, R. Juiroz, C. Karshin, G. Miller, J. Peterson, C. Powell, B. Sipe, D. Vandenberg, G. Ward, M. Williams, D. Winder and R. Woody

*Regent Fitzsimmons* convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

**Report and Minutes (Section 10)**

*Regent Fitzsimmons* requested that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for February 19, 2013 and the Minutes of the December 6, 2012 meeting be received and placed on file.

**Emeritus Faculty Status (Section 1)**

*Dr. Rhonda Longworth, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming and Services,* recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to five (5) former faculty members: Henry Belden Aldridge, Department of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts from 1972 to 2013 (39 years). He retired January 3, 2013; Donald H. Bennion, Department of Teacher Education from 1984 to 2013 (28 years). He retired January 3, 2013; Perry Nick Blanchard, Department of Management from 1979 to 2013 (34 years). He retired January 2013; Morell Boone, College of Technology from 1980 to 2013 (33 years). He retired January 7, 2013; John Preston, School of Technology Studies from 1983 to 2012 (29 years). He retired December 2012.

**Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service (Section 2)**

*Dr. Rhonda Longworth,* recommended that the Board of Regents grant Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service to Dr. David Mielke, who served from 2004 to 2012 as Dean of the College of Business.

**Academic Affairs Academic Retirements and Separations (Section 3)**

*Dr. Rhonda Longworth,* recommended that the Board of Regents approve nine (9) retirements and five (5) separations for the reporting period September 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013 as shown on the listing provided to the Board.

**Academic Year 2013/2014 Calendar Updates (Section 11)**

*Dr. Rhonda Longworth,* requested that the Board of Regents approve modifications to the 2013-14 Academic Calendar. It is also requested that the Board of Regents accept and place on file Beginning and End of Term Dates for that period.

The revision moves the Fall 2013 Commencement Ceremony from Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. The calendar also specifies beginning and end of term dates for the academic year.

**2011-12 Charter Schools Annual Report (Section 12)**

*Dr. Malverne Winborne, Director of Charter Schools* recommended the Board of Regents receive and place on file the 2011-12 Charter Schools Annual Report.

**Charter School Board Members Appointments (Section 13)**

*Dr. Malverne Winborne*, recommended the Board of Regents appoint Tara Mahoney, Katherine Lawrence and John Petz to two-year terms on the Board of Directors of Ann Arbor Learning Community.

**Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards (Section 14)**

*Dr. James Carroll, Associate Provost for Research and Administration and Interim Dean of the Graduate School*, recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the winter 2013 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards.

**Provost's New Faculty Research Awards (Section 15)**

*Dr. James Carroll*, recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the 2013-14 Provost's New Faculty Research Awards.

**Program Approval: Entertainment Design & Technology Major (Section 16)**

*Dr. Rhonda Longworth*, recommended that the Board of Regents approve a new Academic Program: Entertainment Design and Technology Major.

**Board Policy Update: Academic Programs and Requirements, General Curricular Requirements 6.1.2 (Section 17)**

*Dr. Rhonda Longworth*, requested that the Board of Regents approve a modification to Board of Regents policy 6.1.2 Academic Programs and Requirements, General Curriculum Requirements.

These revisions clarify Regents policy 6.1.2 with respect to the previously approved General Education curriculum and clarify wording regarding graduation requirements.

**Board Policy Update: Academic Programs and Requirements, Undergraduate Drops and Withdrawals from Courses 6.2.1.4 (Section 18)**

*Dr. Rhonda Longworth*, requested that the Board of Regents approve a modification to Board of Regents policy 6.2.1.4 Academic Programs and Requirements, Undergraduate Drops and Withdrawal from Courses.

These revisions clarify Regents policy 6.2.1.4 to specify its application to withdrawal from individual course sections and not total withdrawal from the university.

**Board Policy Update: Academic Programs and Requirements, Undergraduate Total Withdrawals from All Courses 6.2.1.5 (Section 19)**

*Dr. Rhonda Longworth*, requested that the Board of Regents approve a modification to Board of Regents policy 6.2.1.5 Academic Programs and Requirements, Undergraduate Total Withdrawals from Courses.

These revisions align Regents policy 6.2.1.5 with recently revised Grading policy.

**Board Policy Update: Academic Programs and Requirements, Undergraduate Academic Honors Upon Graduation 6.2.1.7 (Section 20)**

*Dr. Rhonda Longworth*, requested that the Board of Regents approve a modification to Board of Regents policy 6.2.1.7 Academic Programs and Requirements, Undergraduate Academic Honors upon Graduation.

These revisions clarify Regents policy 6.2.1.7 to specify honors are awarded based on cumulative calculations.

**Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient (Section 21)**

*Dr. Kim Schatzel, Provost and Vice President*, recommended that the Board of Regents approve Mr. Scott Reynolds, television show writer, producer and editor, and EMU alumnus, as Commencement Speaker at the Sunday, April, 28, 2013 morning commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Arts and Letters degree to Mr. Reynolds, and an honorary Doctor of Education degree to Senator Randy Richardville at the morning ceremony.

It is also recommended that the Board of Regents approve Mr. Robert Holman, Jr., EMU alumnus, donor, and community businessperson, as Commencement Speaker at the Sunday, April 28, 2013 afternoon commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree to Mr. Holman, and honorary Doctorate of Education degree to philanthropists Will (Bill) and Delores (Dee) Brehm at the afternoon ceremony.

**Progress Update on Retention Model and Initiatives**

*Dr. Kim Schatzel, Provost and Vice President, Dr. Rhonda Longworth, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming and Services, and Bin Ning, Assistant Vice President and Executive Director of IRIM*, gave a Student Success update, comparing winter 2013 to winter 2012 statistics on Progress to Degree and Success Metrics. They also discussed the next steps in developing a comprehensive programmatic plan to increase retention and graduation rates. At the next EPC meeting an Inventory of Current Activities and Gap Analysis will be presented, with a final version of a Retention and Graduation Plan Proposal going to EPC at the December meeting. The Provost will work closely with faculty input and draw on past efforts to ensure an inclusive plan that can be successful.

**Physician Assistant Program Accreditation Update**

*Christine Karshin, School of Health Promotion and Human Performance Director, Jay Peterson, Physician Assistant Program Director and D. Vandenberg, Medical Director* gave an update on the application of the Physician Assistant Program for accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) was presented.

- We continue to meet our intermediate objectives and timelines to achieve program accreditation.
- The application for Provisional Accreditation was submitted on February 11th.
- Only graduates of programs accredited by ARC-PA are eligible to take the national certification exam for PAs, which is required for state licensure.
- The site visit will take place this April and will be conducted by one site reviewer and a commissioner of the ARC-PA who will submit a written report to the organization's Executive Director.
- A summary of this report will be sent to the Program Director within approximately two weeks. The Director can respond to the findings at that time.
- In September, the ARC-PA Board of Commissioners will render a decision on Accreditation-Provisional status.

- Pending receipt of Accreditation-Provisional, the PA program can matriculate students, while also submitting program updates to the ARC-PA.
- The next site visit would occur within 6 months of graduation of the first cohort of students and the final provisional site visit would occur with 2 years following that visit.

**Committee Assignments and Follow-Up**

Enrollment projections to Regents and at future meetings Send to Regents - UT San Antonio Report
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Regent Fitzsimmons thanked those in attendance, and adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Clearwater  
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Academic and Student Affairs