

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for December 10, 2013 and the Minutes of October 1, 2013 be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

The December 10, 2013 agenda for the Student Affairs Committee includes a presentation about 2013-14 Student Leader Group priorities and a presentation about a Phased Tobacco-Free Campus.

In addition, several announcements will be made.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive Officer

Date

Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
10:00 a.m.

Room 205
Welch Hall

Agenda

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| 1. Approval of agenda and October 1, 2013 minutes | Regent Fitzsimmons |
| 2. 2013-14 Student Leader Group Priorities Updates | Student Leader Group
Members |
| 3. Phased Tobacco-Free Campus | Kay Woodiel, Rebecca
Frank, Katelyn Coberley |
| 4. Announcements | |

Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee
Minutes of October 1, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Regents: Beth Fitzsimmons, Mike Hawks

Administration: Reggie Barnes, Ellen Gold, Lucas Langdon, Perry Francis, Provost Kim Schatzel

Students: Nto Agbor, Ilkhomjon Amanov, Rachel Cane, Katelyn Coberley, Cherese Dafney, Melissa Heatlie, Caroline Horste, Brent Myrand, Ameila Parnis, Jumanah Saadeh, Renee Walton

GUESTS

Administration: (as signed in) Sharon Abraham, Chris Aris, Meredith Blaine, Marney Buss, Jasmina Camo-Biogradlija, Dave Carroll, Jim Cavanaugh, Rebecca Frank, Becky Janes, Robertta Goffeney, J. Silva Goncalves, Leigh Greden, Esther Gunel, Gloria Hage, Bob Heighes, Jesus Hernandez, Rebecca Janes, Jeff Kentor, Sarah Kersey-Otto, Kevin Kucera, Geoff Larcom, Mary Larkin, Lisa Lauterbach, Kevin Lawson, Mandy Lefeld, Blake Navarre, Jeff Nesmith, Sarah Kersey Otto, Michelle Paul, Carl Powell, Bill Shell, Tom Stevick, Colleen Thomkins, Kathy Walz, Gretchen Ward, Eric Ward, Ron Woody, Casey Wooster

Students: Kyle Corbett, Desmond Miller, Joshua Moermond, Nino Monea

Other: Cathie McClure, Glenna Frank Miller, Greg Peoples

Regent Fitzsimmons convened the meeting at 10:30am. Minutes from the June 18, 2013 meeting were approved.

2013-14 Student Leader Group Priorities

Katelyn Coberley and Melissa Heatlie explained the goals of the current Student Leader Group and also the process used to select priorities. The 2013-14 Student Leader Group has four priority sub-committees: Green/Sustainability, which will emphasize more recycling on campus and work to create a campus Sustainability Office; Retention/Completion, which will work to increase awareness of the University Advising and Career Development office, and include a focus on internships and employment; Assisted Learning, ADA and Health Services, which will work with the Disability Resource Center Advisory Board and focus on implementing a more user-friendly website; and Gender Neutral Policy and Restrooms, which will work on the campus Gender Neutral policy wording and adding more gender neutral restrooms on campus.

First Four Orientation Report

Lucas Langdon, Interim Campus Life Director, and Caroline Horste, Campus Life Graduate Assistant and Student Leader Group Campus Life representative, shared details about the 2013 First Four Orientation weekend, held on August 31-September 3, 2013. Opening weekend requires the help of many staff and volunteers. The Residence Life Office spent two weeks training 122 student staff members. 187 New Student Orientation Assistants were trained by the O-Team. The campus welcomed 1,956 new freshman students. 3,464 students moved into the Residence Halls, and 465 students moved into campus apartments. Nearly 250 students from clubs, as well as faculty and staff, helped with Move-in Magic.

Fusion First Four activities and events were intentional and outcomes driven. On Saturday, commuter students and families attended a session designed especially for them. A convocation ceremony for all incoming students was held in the afternoon. This ceremony signified the beginning of the college experience at EMU. On Sunday, students attended Life in the Classroom sessions, meeting professors and learning what the college class experience will be like. The CloseUp theatre group performed, focusing on issues that college students will face. Monday included Playfair, a giant ice-breaker event, and a keynote speaker who focused on time management. Tuesday offered community service opportunities sponsored by the VISION Office, YpsiFest and the L.I.V.E. Welcome Week Faculty/Student mixer, sponsored by Diversity and Community Involvement.

Assessment of previous orientation feedback led to a redesign of classroom tours and the addition of a keynote speaker on Monday. Lucas mentioned that an online survey has been made available to students who attended orientation. A preliminary review of 2013 assessment data indicates that students would like more interactive activities, as well as more unstructured time.

Lucas recognized all of the volunteers who worked the 2013 Orientation weekend. He also stated that Amy Barnhart had done an excellent job coordinating the program. Regent Fitzsimmons thanked Lucas and Caroline for the Orientation events and presentation.

Student Conduct Code Revisions

Jesus Hernandez made a presentation about revisions to the Eastern Michigan University Student Conduct Code. A comprehensive review of the policy must be completed every four years. The Student Conduct and Community Standards office is responsible for working with a committee to update the Conduct Code. The committee reviews the code, including the policies, consequences and sanctions for inappropriate behavior, and recommends updates and changes.

A few of the proposed changes include language changes to ensure consistency throughout the document, eliminating language that resembles the criminal court process, ensuring that the language reflects an educational environment, modifying procedures to reflect best practices and adding a new section to address sexual misconduct. This new section will include key definitions, information about how to file a complaint, a description of the investigation process, rights of the complainant, and a statement of confidentiality.

Jesus requested the support of the Student Affairs Committee. Proposed Code changes will be shared with key stakeholders on campus, including the Student Leader Group, Student Government, Faculty Senate, Residence Hall Association, InterFraternity Council and the College Panhellenic Council.

The recommended changes will be presented to the Educational Policies Committee at the December 2013 meeting. Final approval by the Board of Regents at the December 10, 2013 meeting is necessary to implement the changes.

Regent Fitzsimmons asked if the four year review is an EMU or national requirement. Jesus stated that it is an EMU requirement. Some universities review conduct codes every year, some do not.

Student Government Priorities

Desmond Miller presented 2013-14 Student Government priorities. These priorities include: a Student Organization Participation Survey, which will help direct interested students to student organizations; the Gateway Scholarship, which will help undocumented and under-privileged students attend EMU; building stronger ties with the City of Ypsilanti; making voter registration easily available to EMU students; instituting long term class registration; improving my.emich; improving parking regulations; increasing the number of universal restrooms on campus; a tuition rebate incentive; a weekly email to students about upcoming events; campus facility renovations; increased campus sustainability; increased community service participation by students; AATA bus passes; and more outreach to students by Student Government, including monthly surveys.

Regent Fitzsimmons asked if voter registration is tied to vehicle registration in Michigan. Leigh Greden replied that it is tied to a person's driver's license. Regent Hawks affirmed that building stronger ties to the Ypsilanti community is a good idea.

Announcements

- Caroline Horste announced that 2013 Homecoming was held on September 21, 2013.
- Caroline Horste stated that Sorority recruitment closed on 9-28-13, and 99 women joined campus sororities.
- Caroline Horste also announced that Campus Life has two lectures scheduled – John Meachum on October 15 and Andrew Sullivan on November 12.
- Ilkhomjon Amanov shared that International Student Orientation was held August 31-September 3.
- Ilkhomjon Amanov stated that International Week is scheduled for November 11-15, 2013.
- Ilkhomjon announced that International Movie night will be held on October 22 in the EMU Student Center.
- Regent Fitzsimmons asked if Colors in Harmony is planned for the year. Ilkhomjon answered that it will occur in March 2014.
- Renee Walton stated that candidates for the Director of the Disability Resource Center will be on campus for interviews October 2, 3 and 4, 2013. Please plan to attend the forums and open sessions in the Disability Resource Center conference room.

- Renee Walton also shared that the Student Wellness Advisory Board is working to represent student health concerns, distribute \$400 wellness grants and continues to work with campus Health Services.

Regents Fitzsimmons asked committee members to introduce themselves and state the area of the student body that they are representing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Rich
Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary

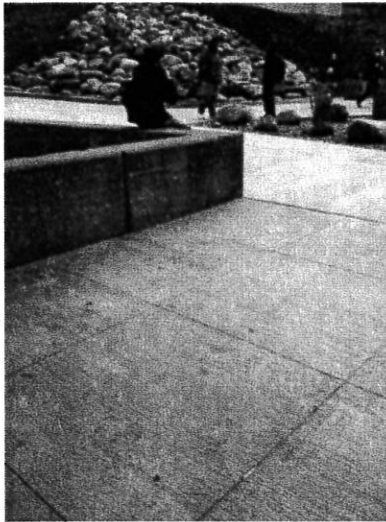
Phased Tobacco Free Campus

Eastern Michigan University

Student Government, Student Leader Group, HLED 550



The current policy



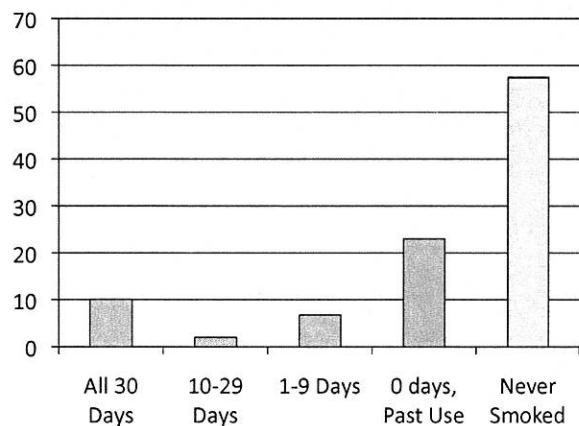
Pray Harrold: 15 feet

However, the policy is frequently violated and not enforced.



Do EMU students smoke?

- 2011 NCHA II Survey
 - **10.1 % are frequent smokers**
 - 2.0% are often smokers
 - **6.8% rarely smoke**
- 19.7% have used in past 30 days
 - 23.0% are past smokers
 - **57.4% have never smoked**

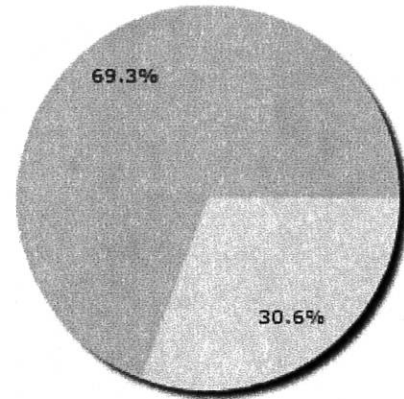


Would you support a phased approach toward a tobacco free campus at EMU?

As of November 8th, 2013:

Total votes: 3257

- Yes: 69.3%
- No: 30.6%



Nationally

- 1,182 campuses are smoke free
- All public universities in Arkansas, Iowa, and Oklahoma are tobacco free.

What's happening in Michigan?

- Central Michigan is the latest for Tobacco Free Campus
 - July 2014
 - CMU conducted survey in February, 70% of the 4,700 respondents supported
- University of Michigan: 2011
- Washtenaw Community College: 2005

- 17 other campuses are 100% tobacco free



Risk for the Non Smoker

- Second Hand Smoke is a Carcinogen
 - Lung Cancer
- Cardiovascular Effects
- Asthma Attacks, Coughing, Wheezing
- Environmental Damage
 - Pollutants
 - Aesthetics



Bin outside Porter

Non Smoker Testimonial

"...the area around the southwest entrance of Pray Harrold has become an area dedicated to smoking...you can always find a handful of people smoking on the sidewalk and rock landscape outside the main doors...the fresh air turns into a cloud of smoke."

Non Smoker Testimonial

"As someone who is allergic to tobacco products and walks around campus frequently...I've asked myself if I value being able to breathe well by taking the lesser travel path...If our campus were to phase out smoking...my life here at Eastern would improve dramatically."

Proposed Phases

Effective immediately:

- Education, advocacy
- Work with Grounds to mark all areas
 - Work with VISION for an environmental "clean up"
- Smoking cessation programs for students and staff
 - Work with Wellness Center and HR
- Begin Bystander training



Proposed Phases

Beginning Summer 2014:

- Smoking on perimeter of campus only
- Awareness of upcoming policy change
- Cessation programs, Education and Bystander training continue



Proposed Phases

Beginning Fall 2014:

- Tobacco Free Campus
- Cessation programs and Education continue

Smoking Rights

- Not taking rights away from smokers
- Smokers are not protected legally through Equal Protection or Due Process Clauses of the Constitution



Let's Change the Norm

Eastern Michigan University Students are requesting the BOR adopt a new policy:

A phased approach to a Tobacco Free Campus



Positive PR for EMU



Questions?

