RECOMMENDATION

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for October 7, 2014 and the Minutes of June 10, 2014 be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

The October 7, 2014 agenda for the Student Affairs Committee includes introduction of the 2014-15 Student Leader Group members, a report on the 2014-15 Student Leader Group and Student Government priorities, and a 2014 First Four Orientation report.

In addition, several announcements will be made.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

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University Executive Officer    Date
Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee

October 7, 2014
11:00 am
Room 205
Welch Hall

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda and June 10, 2014 minutes
   Regent Fitzsimmons

2. Introduction of 2014-15 Student Leader Group members
   SLG members

3. 2014-15 Student Leader Group and Student Government Priorities
   Hiba Baghdadi, Steven Cole, Desmond Miller

4. First Four Orientation Report
   Lucas Langdon & Amy Barnhart

5. Announcements
Regents: Beth Fitzsimmons

Administration: Reggie Barnes, Perry Francis, Ellen Gold, Lucas Langdon, Calvin Phillips, Provost Kim Schatzel, Kay Woodiel

Students: Hiba Baghdadi, Jacob Butterfield, Taylor Humphrey, Kylie McGill, Erica Mehlberg, Haley Moraniec, Kalandria Robinson, Emily Samar, Renee Walton

GUESTS

Administration: (as signed in) Sharon Abraham, Debbie Clearwater, Akosua Dow, Robertta Goeffney, Bob Heighes, Mark Jackson, Walter Kraft, Casey Krone, Geoff Larcom, Lisa Lauterbach, Dar Mayweather, Calvin McFarland, Stacie McMullen, Rebecca Sipe, Cynthia VanPelt, Randall Ward

Students: Bilal Ali, Barry Clay, Desmond Miller, Darius Simpson

Regent Fitzsimmons convened the meeting at 9:45 am. Minutes from the March 25, 2014 meeting and the agenda for this meeting were approved.

Introduction of 2014-15 Student Leader Group Members and Advisors
Incoming Student Leader Group members introduced themselves and stated the student population that they represent. Advisors introduced themselves. Kay Woodiel, Faculty Senate Representative and Calvin Phillips, Associate Vice-President of Student Affairs were also introduced.

2013-14 Student Leader Group Year-end Summary
Perry Francis shared highlights of the work done by the 2013-14 Student Leader Group. During the 2013-14 year, the committee offered the Board of Regents a motion that undocumented students receive in-state tuition, urged for the transition of EMU from a campus allowing the use of tobacco to a tobacco free campus, produced a white paper in support of free weekend parking at the meters on campus, pushed for the creation of gender neutral restrooms, and joined with Regent Fitzsimmons in voicing concern about the impact of human trafficking.

At the close of the presentation, Perry thanked the advisors, administration and staff for the help provided throughout the year.
Report on the 2014 Leadership Experience

Casey Krone share a report about 2014 Leadershape, which was held April 28-May 3, 2014. The program featured an active curriculum during the intense six days. Participants grew by identifying core ethical and personal values, identifying when behavior is not in congruence with core values, developing respectful relationships with all participants, creating a vision for the greater good of the community, developing group and team work skills to accomplish a vision, and articulating action steps to implement a vision.

The university benefits due to the depth of conversation about campus issues, greater student commitment to positively impact the campus community, significant changes on campus, diverse partnerships and supportive relationships, collaborative initiatives and engaged students.

The future vision for EMU Leadershape is that EMU faculty and staff members will continue to support this high impact educational practice by participating as cluster facilitators at future EMU Leadershape events. Casey thanked all who participated in and supported 2014 Leadershape.

Brotherhood Initiative

Regent Fitzsimmons stated that university administration and the Regent Board is concerned about two campus groups – African American males and single parents.

Reggie Barnes, Director of Diversity and Community Involvement, Bilal Ali, Barry Clay and Darius Simpson shared information about the Brotherhood Initiative, a key component of the university effort to help Men of Color persist to graduation. This initiative was established in 2011 to engage, empower, retain and graduate African American males. The program supports two university strategic themes-student engagement and success, as well as service and engagement. Learning outcomes include establishing and maintaining healthy relationships, managing interpersonal conflicts, demonstrating appropriate assertive behavior, exhibiting self-reliant behaviors, developing and articulating plans to achieve short-and long-term goals, and effectively and coherently communicating through writing and speaking.

This program is unique because it is based on a research-based, success-driven model. It does not focus on deficits the students bring to college, but on key success factors. The program focuses on engagement and mentoring, academic support, intervention initiatives, professional and leadership development, pipeline programs, and campus awareness campaigns. Students were included in the development of the initiative. Staff members are strategic in making themselves available to students, any time of the day or night.

Several events happen during L.I.V.E. (Learning Integrity, Valuing Equality) Welcome Week, which is held during the first week of the fall semester. Plans are under way to launch a pilot Sisterhood Initiative. A cohort program, with up to 40 Men of Color taking block classes, will begin soon. Pipeline programs will partner EMU students with grade school students.

Campus Awareness Campaigns are being planned to reinforce the positive things that are happening on campus with men of color involved in this initiative. Several past programs are being revamped and expanded.
Eastern Michigan University has been awarded a $10,000 Capacity-Building Grant. The University of Wisconsin’s Equity and Inclusion Laboratory will spend time researching EMU to quantify the impact of environmental factors that may lead to greater attrition rates for men of color at EMU, identify specific success strategies that best promote retention and degree completion for men of color, and measure the impact of the intervention strategies we implement as part of our Degree Completion and Retention Plan.

The Barbershop Brotherhood is a safe place for men of color to gather to share their hearts and foster relationships. During 2013-14, ten sessions were attended by approximately 65 students per session. One student stated that his grades and attitude improved after attending the sessions. He recently met with an old high school coach, who would like to bring 50-60 high school students to a Barbershop event.

In April 2014, 17 EMU students and staff attended the Black Male Summit held at the University of Akron. Students heard presentations about higher education, self-esteem, etc. They found this event very encouraging.

An overnight program is being planned for this summer. 60-70 young males between the ages of 10-17 will come to campus and be mentored by EMU students involved in the Brotherhood Initiative. Madonna and Oakland University students may also participate.

Regent Fitzsimmons asked how many students were being reached. Reggie stated that it is difficult to measure. Approximately 900 students took part in L.I.V.E. Welcome Week in 2013, 125-150 students were in and out of the Barbershop events.

Announcements
- Haley Moraniec announced that Ypsi Pride Day was held on May 17, 2014. The VISION Volunteer center provided 15-20 volunteers per site, at four sites around Ypsilanti. Volunteers planted flowers, weeded flowerbeds and picked up trash.
- Perry Francis announced that Lisa Sexton and other students plan to attend an RHA Conference at the University of Wisconsin.
- Regent Fitzsimmons thanked Perry Francis for his service to the Student Leader Group.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Rich
Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary
Student Leader Group 2014-2015 Priorities
Brainstorming

- Long Term Goals
  - Gender Neutral initiatives
  - DRC/Wellness Policy changes
  - College of Business - part of EMU community
  - Student food pantry (sustaining it)
  - Greater Grad school recognition
  - Scholarships/sustainability
  - Recycling/Sustainability
Brainstorming, cont.

- Short Term Goals
  - Awareness (Facebook, Echo, Twitter, etc.)
  - College of Business
  - DRC/Wellness
  - Opening Student food pantry
  - Recycling/Sustainability
  - Surveying International students
The Process

- Reviewing 2013-1014 priorities
- Narrowing down long and short term goals
- Creating subcommittees
Subcommittees

- Health and Wellness
  - Food Pantry
  - Food Vouchers
- Gender Neutral Initiative
- Sustainability and Tobacco Free Campus
Questions, comments or concerns?
Student Government

2014/2015 Priorities
October 7, 2014
Desmond Miller & Steven Cole
1. Parking
2. Family Restrooms
3. Shower curtains at Rec/IM & Convocation Center
4. 24 Hour Library
5. Extend the Rec/IM’s Operation Hours
6. Reflection Room in Student Center
7. Racial Awareness Programs
8. Universal Restrooms
9. Safety
10. Sexual Violence Prevention
11. Voter Registration
12. More Outreach from Student Government
13. Increase Community Service Participation
Fall Opening 2014
Preparation
(Student Leader Trainings)

130 Residence Life Student Staff spent 2 weeks training for opening and the year ahead.

188 New Student Orientation Assistants (NSOAs) spent 3 days training for First Four with 11 OTEAM members.
Residence Hall Move-In

Housing and Residence Life welcomed 1712 new FTIACs into Walton, Putnam, Phelps, Sellers, Hill, Hoyt, Pittman, Wise, Best and Downing. (There is no longer an “FYC” as first year students are living everywhere now)

Approximately, 3825 residents are living in the residence halls and apartments.

University Apartments program is integrating to the residence life model and will be managed as one operation. All residential students will be on contract (no leases) and apartments will now have a front desk like the halls.
Move-In Magic!

Over 50 organizations (athletic teams, clubs and organizations) as well as faculty and staff, volunteered their time to help move in our new FTIACS.
First Four: New Student Orientation

Goal: To provide a seamless transition experience for new students, from matriculation through full integration as a student within the campus community, through an individualized and holistic approach, respecting and responding to the unique needs, goals and interests of the student.
Thank you!

More than 400 Students, Faculty, Staff and Administrators

Academic Advising
Admissions Staff, Fast Track Group Leaders & Tour Guides
Campus Life Professional Staff, Grad Students, and Involvement Corps
Convo Center Staff
Department of Public Safety
Dining Services
Diversity & Community Involvement
Eastern Echo Students
Faculty Presenters
Financial Aid
Graduate School
Honors College
Marching Band
Move In Magic Helpers
New Student Orientation Assistants
Office of International Students
OIS Orientation Leaders
O-TEAM
Physical Plant
RecIM Center
Records and Registration
Residence Life Professional and Student Staff
Student Business Services
Student Organizations
Student Center Professional and Student Staff
(Building Managers, Setup Crew, Event Planning, Info Center, Custodians)
University Marketing and Communications
AND MANY MORE!!!