

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**March 17, 2015**

These are the proposed minutes of the March 17, 2015 Board of Regents meeting.

The meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Morris at 1:30 p.m. in Room 201, Welch Hall, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The Board members present were:

Regent Dennis Beagen, Regent Michelle Crumm, Regent Beth Fitzsimmons, Regent Mike Hawks, Chairman Mike Morris, Regent James Stapleton (by phone), and Vice Chair Mary Treder Lang and Regent James Webb.

Board members absent: none

There was a quorum.

**TAB A**

**OPEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice President/Secretary Reaume announced that 10 people requested to address the Board of Regents. Each speaker was given up to three (3) minutes to speak.

1. Susan Moeller (EMU-AAUP) – Student/Faculty issues
2. Patrick Barry, Jr. (Alumni Association) – Alumni Association update
3. Kendra Smith (EMUFT) – Pay schedule for part-time faculty
4. Jacob Maynard (Students for an Ethical and Participatory Education) – The continued relationship with the EAA
5. Suzanne Dugger (College of Education Council) – Continuation of the EAA contract
6. Steve Wellinski (representing 2,090 concerned citizens regarding EMU’s administrative connection to the EAA) – the continuation of the inter-local agreement that establishes the EAA – Declined to speak, shared documents with the Board

7. John Stewart (former state representative) – proposed public education summit, proposed Plymouth-Canton Schools host – EMU, EMU Choir – Tour of Europe in 1970 with Blaine and Betty Ballard, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vietnam
8. Will Daniels (Students for an Ethical and Participatory Education) – The EAA and father who works for DPS
9. Margrit Zinggeler (Department of World Languages) – 94 percent of degrees awarded in CAS are BS degrees, also for e.g. Art, History, Communications, English, thus avoiding the foreign language requirement for a BA. If a student in a science major takes a foreign language, she/he can not get a BS degree. Academic Affairs wants to eliminate the foreign language requirement of 1 year for BA students. College Council discussed issue in 2012. EMU mission includes promise of global education and internationalization
10. Desmond Miller (Student Government) – Student Body update, EAA, final thanks/appreciation

## **TAB B**

President's Report  
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While we celebrate the arrival of spring and the countdown to the end of the academic year, our teams are hard at work building the Fall 2015 incoming class. As of March 15, Eastern has 13,357 applications from first-time freshmen as compared to 11,298 at the same time a year go – this is an increase of 18 percent. Admissions are at 9,605 as compared to 7,548 last year -- an increase of 27 percent. We are ahead of other Michigan public universities, which show an overall average increase in applications of 3.9 percent and admissions up 4.1 percent. The percentage of applicants in the 3.5 to 4.0 GPA range continues to increase, there is more diversity, and the number of international applications and admissions is up over last year. We look forward to a great fall class. Go Green!

Significant discussion has taken place among our faculty and staff over the past several months surrounding issues of classroom civility and conduct and social media such as Yik Yak. We will launch in Fall 2015 the “Respect Is What We Expect” campaign that will cover a broad range of institutional priorities including inclusiveness related to race and sexual orientation, how we treat one another, and appropriate classroom conduct. This programming will begin during freshman orientation.

The strategic plan is being implemented and updated across campus. In June 2013, the Board of Regents adopted the Mission, Vision, Values and four themes: Student Engagement and Success, High Performing Academic Programs and Quality Research, Institutional Effectiveness, and Service and Engagement. Since then, detailed goals and objectives under the four themes have been developed. Departments across campus are implementing the plan and mapping specific tasks and measurements to create a roadmap for our future. This is an ongoing process to be updated each year.

As President, I invite you to join me on Tuesday, March 31 at 11 a.m. in the student center auditorium for a university update from me and a financial update from CFO Mike Valdes. I will talk about what we have accomplished together and Eastern’s future. CFO Valdes will provide detailed information on our financial status and challenges.

I am recommending a capital budget for fiscal year 2016 that includes renovations of historic Rackham to house our growing Health and Human Services programs, space for growth of the Honors college, renovation of Wise hall, classroom technology, and safety enhancements. I also am recommending a 4 percent increase in residence hall rates and a 5 percent increase for meal plans and apartment rates today to fund housing and dining.

I am pleased to welcome our new Dean of the College of Education, Michael Sayler, pending approval by the Board of Regents. Dr. Sayler has served as Senior Associate Dean at University of North Texas since 2011, and served as Associate Dean there since 2002. I also welcome our new volleyball coach Kimi Olson; her assistant coach Michael Shearer; and Jennifer Brown, associate athletic director for sports medicine. Welcome!

I am pleased to welcome Dennis Beagen and Michelle Crumm to their first Board of Regents meeting today. We will also thank Regent Emeritus Floyd Clack and Regent Emeritus Francine Parker. Their commitment to Eastern as regents had an extraordinary impact and they will each receive a special resolution.

We are also pleased to honor Professor Kay Woodiel she retires. Dr. Woodiel has served 17 years at Eastern as an exceptional leader and devoted mentor to many students.

I am delighted to recommend to the Board of Regents our commencement speakers for graduation on April 26. Our morning commencement speaker will be Sally Young, an Eastern alumna and Emmy Award winning producer of the TV series “Modern Family”. Our afternoon commencement speaker will be Eastern alumnus and former football star Charlie Batch, who founded the “Best of the Batch Foundation” to improve the lives of children and families in distressed neighborhoods.

Other accomplishments are listed in the Appendix to this report on the University’s website. Thank you, Chair Morris.

Susan Martin

### **Recognition**

- 17 students from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana were awarded **Presidential Scholarships** for the 2014-2015 academic year. Presidential Scholars are selected during Eastern’s annual Presidential Scholarship Competition, held during December of a student's senior year in high school.
- **Dr. Rebecca Martusewicz** from the Teacher Education department was recently awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to work with faculty and doctoral students at the University of Tampere in Finland in 2015.
- **Dr. Valerie Polakow** from the Teacher Education department was selected as the recipient of the Critical Perspectives on Early Childhood Education Distinguished Career Contribution Award for 2015.
- **Dr. John Texter**, from the department of Polymers and Coating in the School of Engineering Technology, has recently been awarded a U.S. patent entitled, “Nanoparticle Dispersions With Ionic Liquid-based Stabilizers.” Dr. Texter is a prolific researcher and has over 41 US patents.
- **Dr. Diane Winder**, cello player, music conductor, and EMU professor, was honored with the Michigan Administrator of the Year Award by the Michigan American String Teachers for her outstanding achievement and contributions as a musician, teacher, and arts supporter.
- The **Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching** recognized Eastern Michigan University for its deep level of community engagement.

## Gifts & Grants

- Director of EMU's Institute for Geospatial Research and Education, **Yichun Xie**, was awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to work with 120 Michigan teachers to integrate GIS applications into their curricula and enhance career possibilities for their students.
- Bill and Dee Brehm have generously donated another \$1 million to fund two additional **Brehm Scholars**. The ten scholarship recipients exemplify outstanding pre-professional skills in the field of special education coupled with a commitment to serve children and adolescents with special needs.

## Events

- **TRUEMU Day at Eastern Market** will be held April 25.
- The **College of Business 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** will be held Friday evening on April 10, in the Student Center Ballroom.
- On March 6, **Jim Streeter** was honored at the Men's Basketball game against Toledo for his nearly four decades of commitment to EMU. The Athletic Media Relations Office was renamed in his honor.
- On February 21-22, EMU hosted more than 1,000 video gamers for the annual **Gamers for Giving** charity event. During this 24-hour non-stop competition the gamers raised more than \$25,000 for portable video gaming kiosks for use in children's hospitals.
- EMU presented the **SESI Midwest Entrepreneurship Conference** on February 13<sup>th</sup> in the Student Center. Keynote speakers included Howdy Holmes, President of Chelsea Milling Company, and Todd Palmer, owner of Diversified Industrial Staffing Services of Troy. Both are EMU alums.
- Terry Collins, current manager of the New York Mets and EMU alum, was presented with the **Ron "OAK" Oestrike Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award** and was the keynote speaker at this year's Lead Off Dinner that occurred on February 7.
- The **29<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Celebration at EMU** was held January 15-19. Kicking off the event was the MLK Commemorative Walk, followed by a Day of Service, and ending with Afterglow Celebration. Keynote speaker Dick Gregory, leading civil and human rights activist, discussed non-violent social change.
- EMU hosted over 1,700 high school Marketing Education students during the **Michigan DECA competition** on January 8-9. Michigan DECA is supported by a project grant to the Department of Business and Technology Education in the College of Technology from the Michigan Department of Education.

## Of Note

- **WEMU** has kicked off its year-long 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- The **EMU Legal Resource Center** celebrated its 10-year anniversary. More than 34,699 Washtenaw County community members have received assistance with court forms from EMU paralegal students as part of their University course work.
- Two EMU graduates, **Nathan Bomey** and **Katrease Stafford**, were recognized by the Michigan Press Association for their work in the field of journalism. Stafford won the 2014 Rookie Writer Award for her work as a breaking news reporter, while Bomey was honored with the MPA's Public Service Award. Both students currently work for the Detroit Free Press.
- Professor Emeritus **Henry Aldridge** explores the 80-year history of Ann Arbor's movie palace in his book entitled *The Michigan Theater*. In his novel he offers insights into how EMU's Department of Communication, Media and Theater Arts and its Historic Preservation program was pivotal in saving the theater.

## Athletic Highlights

- Basketball (Men): The men's team advanced to the **third round of the MAC Tournament** in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Basketball (Women): The women's team advanced to the **championship round of the MAC Tournament** in Cleveland, Ohio.
- Cross Country (Men): **Scott Bradley, Willy Fink, Caleb Hess, John Knox, Mitch Lenneman, Nick Raymond, and Cameron Trinh** garnered Academic All-MAC Honors:
- Cross Country (Men): The team was named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) **All-Academic Division I Team** list.
- Cross Country (Women): Five Eagles were honored with Academic All-MAC honors: **Amy Frauhammer, Taylor Knoll, Marina Manjon-Rivadulla, Rebecca Quaintance, and Victoria Voronko.**
- Cross Country (Women): The team was named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) **All-Academic Division I Team** list.
- Soccer: Fourteen Eagles received Academic All-MAC honors for the fall semester: **Stef Barcelos, Emily Dzik, Madison Hirsch, Hallee Kansman, Marisa Kozikowski, Molli Krick, Julia Lombardi, Gabriella Mancini, Megan McCabe, Chelsie Oddan, Michelle Rollins, Ellie Tillar, Megan Trapp, and Angela Vultaggio.**

- Swimming (Men): The men's team came from behind on the final day and won their 32<sup>nd</sup> **MAC Championship** in program history, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Coach Peter Linn's career.
- Track & Field (Men): **Donald Scott's** triple jump at the Meyo Invitational moved him up to the top of the NCAA leaderboard and to a fifth place in world rankings.
- Track & Field (Women): The team ended the 2015 Mid-American Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships in high spirits by bringing home the title. This is the program's fourth **MAC championship**.
- Volleyball: Seven Eagles earned Academic All-MAC Honors: **Jill Briner, Alyssa Davis, Dori Harrison, Kelsey Jones, Katie Krasowski, Devon Murray, and Corynne Smith.**
- The Fall 2014 semester saw EMU student-athletes combine for a 3.242 GPA, the best in school history. 33 of those student-athletes posted 4.0 GPAs while 343 student-athletes had a 3.0 GPA or better.
- The week of February 14 was **National Salute to Veteran Patients** and the Eagles were out in full force. Members of EMU's football, women's golf, and gymnastics team took time out of their busy schedules to stop at the Ann Arbor VA to visit with veterans and staff.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Regent Mary Treder Lang and seconded by Regent Mike Hawks that the proposed minutes for the December 5, 2014 Board meeting be approved as submitted and sections 1-8, sections 10-24, and the resolutions highlighted in tabs D, E and F be approved in their entirety as presented.

## **PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR PROFESSOR KAY WOODIEL; WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD TEAM AND COACH OF THE YEAR SUE PARKS; AND MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM AND COACH OF THE YEAR BUCK SMITH**

## **Section 1**

### **STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 42 staff appointments for the reporting period November 1, 2014 to March 1, 2015: Saba Gabre, Tanesia White, Eva Lopes Telles de Menezes, Wendy Ayala, Jacinda Dady, Jennifer Fong, Colleen Porter, Angela Capuano, Rebecca Timmermans, Kayla Barnier, Sharon Curry, Abby Rudnicki, Amber Skelly, Tami Nichols-Beaghan, Melinda Marion, Caroline Harris, Jeanne Justice, Silisa Proffitt, Caroline Horste, Alexa Wester, Mary Jones, Tanya Johnson, Jennifer Brown, Jieron Robinson, Jerry Spiller, Daniel Bullocks, Norman Dooley, Charles Johnson, Tony Martin, Lamarcus Howard, Andrew Meredith, Joseph Dick, George Cook, Warren Roscoe, Richard Storck, Jonathan Householder, Will Weidner, Thomas Hall, Matthew Bednarski, Robert DeCoster, Andrew Hensley and Alexander Landen.

## **Section 2**

### **STAFF SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 28 separations and retirements for the reporting period of November 1, 2014 to March 1, 2015: Janice Boone, Brandy Coburn, Debra Jackson, Stephanie Jordan, Lauren Nemeth, Anita Amrhein, Kimberly Berrington, Bonnie Harrell, Sherry Kelley, Alyssia McDonough-Utley, Sharon Miller, Mary Morris, Colleen Porter, Stephanie Tandy, Margaret Tslis, Timilee Vaughn, Judy Weaver, Ahmed Fayssa, Alan Marshall, Christopher Simpson, Jeffrey Brown, Andrew Cluley, Robert DeCoster, Luke Denison, Michael Dueweke, Robert Eccles, Hans Rehder and Nathan Sutter.

## **Section 3**

### **EMERITUS STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff Status to one (1) staff member: Melody Reifel Werner (Office of Athletics).

## **Section 4**

### **EMERITUS FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to three (3) former faculty members: Steven Camron (Special Education), Patricia Pokay (Special Education) and Norman Tyler (Geography and Geology).

## **Section 5**

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT/TRANSFER**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve one (1) administrative appointment for Michael Sayler effective June 1, 2015 and one (1) administrative transfer effective January 27, 2015 for Kristine Ajrouch.

## **Section 6**

### **ACADEMIC RETIREMENTS AND SEPARATIONS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve five (5) retirements and six (6) separations for the period of September 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. The retirements are: Denis Delprato, Paul Schollaert, Antoinette Knechtges, Patricia Pokay and Christine Tracy. Separations are: Xiaoxu Han, Eryn Smith, Linda Williams, David Marold, Dawn Pearcy and Jack Kay.

## **Section 7**

### **RESOLUTION FOR REGENT FLOYD CLACK**

Recommended that the Board of Regents confers upon Floyd Clack the title “Regent Emeritus,” with all the rights, honors and privileges thereto.

## **Section 8**

### **RESOLUTION FOR REGENT FRANCINE PARKER**

Recommended that the Board of Regents confers upon Francine Parker the title “Regent Emeritus,” with all the rights, honors and privileges thereto.

## **Section 10**

### **REPORT AND MINUTES – FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Recommended that the Faculty Affairs Committee Agenda for March 17, 2015 and the Minutes of December 5, 2014 meeting be received and placed on file.

## **Section 11**

### **REPORT AND MINUTES – STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for March 17, 2015 and the Minutes of December 5, 2014 meeting be received and placed on file.

## **Section 12**

### **REPORT AND MINUTES – EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE**

Recommended that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for March 17, 2015 and the Minutes of December 5, 2014 meeting be received and placed on file.

## **Section 13**

### **REPORT: WINTER 2015 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH STIMULUS PROGRAM AWARDS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the report on the Winter 2015 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards.

## **Section 14**

### **REPORT: 2015-16 PROVOST'S NEW FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the report on the 2015-16 Provost's New Faculty Research Awards.

## **Section 15**

### **APPOINTMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS BOARD MEMBERS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents appoint Renee Pinter to a three - year term, David Arditti and Catherine Jones to two - year terms to the Board of Directors of Ann Arbor Learning Community; appoint Yvette Garcia to a two - year term to the Board of Directors of the Detroit Public Safety Academy; appoint Rebecca Domegan to a three - year term to the Board of Directors of Global Tech Academy; and reappoint Frederick Cheek to a three - year term to the Board of Directors of Grand Blanc Academy.

## **Section 16**

### **2013-14 CHARTER SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT**

Recommended that the 2013-14 Charter Schools Annual Report be received and placed on file.

## **Section 17**

### **RECOMMENDATION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR FOR GAUDIOR ACADEMY**

Recommended that the Board of Regents confirm the Eastern Michigan University's Charter Schools Office Director's emergency appointment of John Kirk as conservator of Gaudior Academy.

## **Section 18**

### **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve Sally Young, television producer, as the morning Commencement speaker at the Sunday, April 26, 2015 commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Arts degree to Ms. Young. It is also recommended that the Board of Regents approve Charlie Batch, former NFL quarterback, community advocate, author and media personality, entrepreneur and professional speaker, as the afternoon Commencement speaker at the Sunday, April 26, 2015 commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Mr. Batch.

## **Section 19**

### **REPORT AND MINUTES – FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Recommended that the Finance and Investment Committee Agenda for March 17, 2015 and the Minutes of December 5, 2014 meeting be received and placed on file.

## **Section 20**

### **2015-16 ROOM, BOARD AND APARTMENT RATES**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve the fiscal year 2015-16 rates for residence halls, meal plans and apartments as presented.

## **Section 21**

### **2015-16 CAPITAL BUDGET**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve the fiscal year 2015-16 University Capital Budget appropriation of \$8.9 million.

## **Section 22**

### **WEMU-FM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014 AND AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Recommended that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the WEMU-FM Financial Statements as of June 30, 2014 and related auditor's report.

## **Section 23**

### **APPOINTMENT OF EAGLE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BOARD MEMBER**

In accordance with the Eagle Administrative Services By-laws, Article III, Section 3.2, it is recommended that the Board of Regents appoint Dennis Beagen to serve a one-year term on the Eagle Administrative Services Board from March 17, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

## **Section 24**

### **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICY**

Recommended that the Board of Regents amend Board Policy 3.7.2, Alcohol and Other Drugs in accordance with the presented changes.

### **Motion Carried**

Chairman Morris tabled section 25 until the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. He reminded attendees that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2015. He called for any further business to be brought before the Board. There being none, Regent Morris made a motion to adjourn. Regent Treder Lang seconded to adjourn the meeting.

### **Motion Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Reaume  
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents

