

SECTION: 10
DATE: October 13, 2015

**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 October 13, 2015 and the Minutes of June 16, 2015 be received and placed on file.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

The October 13, 2015 agenda for the Student Affairs Committee includes introduction of the 2015-2016 Student Leader Group members, a presentation about the 2015-2016 Student Leader Group and Student Government Priorities and a Fall Opening 2015 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

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Date

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

October 13, 2015  
10:45 am – 11:30 am

Room 205  
Welch Hall

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda and June 16, 2015 minutes Regent Stapleton
2. Introduction of 2015-2016 Student Leader Group Members Lucas Langdon
3. 2015-2016 Student Leader Group and Student Government Priorities
4. Fall Opening 2015 Lucas Langdon & Jeanette Zalba
5. Announcements

Eastern Michigan University  
Board of Regents  
**Student Affairs Committee**  
Minutes of June 15, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Regents: Dennis Beagen, James Stapleton

Administration: Lucas Langdon, Ellen Gold

Students: Bryan Abma, Rasheed Atwater, Alex Bakhaus, Steven Cole, Kathryn Giroux, Kyle Ketchabaw, Laura Livernois, Abdi Mohsenin, Heidi Osborne, Muneez Patel, Connor Rivera, Eric Santure

**GUESTS**

Administration: (as signed in) Jimmy Arnold, Meredith Blaine, Cliff Camp, Ellen Lassiter Collier, Esther Gunel, Mary Larkin, Lisa Lauterbach, Winifred Martin, Dar Mayweather, Stacie McMullen, Lewis Savage, Becca Timmermans, David Turner, Eric Ward

Students: Rebecca Frank, Meghan Koglin, Kim Melinsky, Casey Swick, Shelby Taylor, Brandon Wynsma

Regent Stapleton convened the meeting at 10:45am. The minutes from March 17, 2015 were approved.

**Introduction of 2015-16 Student Leader Group Members**

Student Leader Group members introduced themselves and stated the student population that they represent. Student Leader Group advisors introduced themselves.

**2015 Leadershape**

Casey Swick, Campus Life Graduate Assistant, shared a report about 2015 Leadershape, which was held April 28-May 4, 2015. 2015 Leadershape was attended by 56 students, as well as faculty and staff who acted as facilitators. Students attending Leadershape engage in self-discovery, reflection, planning, practicing new skills, giving and receiving feedback, self-assessment, and risking new behaviors. Participants work to identify core ethical and personal values, develop respectful relationships with all participants, create a vision for the greater good of the community, develop group and team work skills to accomplish a vision, and articulate 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.

### **Student Medical Withdrawal Policy**

Ellen Gold, Assistant Vice-President of Student Well-Being, and Gloria Hage, General Counsel, shared a presentation regarding the recommendation to change the Student Involuntary Administrative Withdrawal Policy to the Student Medical Withdrawal Policy. This policy will be used in cases when a student cannot continue classes due to a medical situation. The reasons for the policy revision include compliance with Federal Title II regulations, safety of the community, the need to separate policy and process from the student conduct process, and putting the focus on voluntary medical withdrawal.

### **Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative: Student Perspectives and Support Services**

Ellen Gold, Assistant Vice-President of Student Well-Being, and Eric Ward, Health Education Coordinator, shared an overview regarding the implementation of the Tobacco Free Campus policy that will begin on July 1, 2015. All of EMU main campus and satellite buildings are included in this initiative, including the perimeter sidewalks, parking lots and vehicles in parking lots. This policy is the result of two years of feedback and planning, which included input from the Student Leader Group, Student Government, and the campus Tobacco-Free Task Force.

University Marketing and Communications Offices have been involved in making this change known to all campus constituents. This has been accomplished via the Tobacco Free website; a Q & A sent out with a campus announcement; FastTrack presentations; campus tours; email communication sent to all students, faculty and staff; housing contracts; and campus signage. Once the policy goes into effect, existing signage and tobacco urns will be removed. Wallet cards detailing the new policy will be made available, and can be used to explain the policy to people who may not be aware of the change.

Muneez Patel, International Student representative on the Student Leader Group, has worked on getting the word out to international students about this change. A video was designed to share the message. The International Student organization has collaborated with other departments on campus to promote health and wellness.

Cessation programs will be made available to students, faculty and staff. University Health Services will offer one-on-one counseling to students and staff. The pharmacy will carry tobacco cessation medications. CAPS will offer one-on-one and group support sessions for students. Human Resources is developing materials to share with staff regarding what is covered under the university health plan. The change to a tobacco free campus is now being shared at new employee orientation.

The Wellness Center is putting together “crave kits” which will include gum, toothpicks and other resources. HPHP received a small grant that focuses on transitioning to a healthier lifestyle. If interested, students may become involved in this program.

Other smoke/tobacco free universities were contacted to determine what worked when the transition was made. DPS will not take calls about smokers on campus. The hope is that people will

approach smokers and share the policy with them, utilizing the wallet cards. If someone is a habitual violator, Human Resources and Student Conduct and Community Standards may become involved. A bystander video is available on the tobacco free website. This video will help people be more comfortable about approaching a smoker on campus.

Ellen Gold thanked all who worked on the Tobacco Free initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Rich  
Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary

# 2015-2016 Student Government Priorities

Steven Cole, Student Body President

Anjali Martin, Student Body Vice President

# Academic Affairs

- ▶ Tuition Rebate Incentive
  - ▶ Rewarding students for four-year graduation track and success in the classroom
- ▶ Optional Minors
  - ▶ Providing students the choice of whether or not to have a minor
- ▶ Adjusting Credits Necessary for Graduation from 124 to 120
  - ▶ Allowing for students with 8 15-credit semesters to graduate without AP credit or summer classes

# Student Safety

- ▶ Companion Safety App for Smartphones
  - ▶ Enhancing culture of student safety beyond campus boundaries
- ▶ Sexual Assault Prevention
  - ▶ Promoting mandatory education programs for all students
  - ▶ Increased education on consent and bystander intervention for Athletic teams and Greek Life organizations
  - ▶ Promoting the available resources and rights for survivors



# Student Wellness

- ▶ Promoting Mental Wellness
  - ▶ Ending stigma of mental illness and treatment
  - ▶ Programming through collaboration (Send Silence Packing)
- ▶ Promoting Physical Wellness
  - ▶ Extending hours of operation for Rec/IM facility
  - ▶ Exploring ways to secure resources needed for renovations to the Rec/IM facility
  - ▶ Working to provide discounted or free exercise classes

# Transportation

- ▶ Local Transit
  - ▶ Working to decrease costs of AAATA monthly bus passes for Eastern students
- ▶ Parking
  - ▶ Explore ways by which students can reduce time spent searching for a space
  - ▶ Free meter parking on weekends with any valid University hangtag

# Technology

- ▶ Better Feedback to IT
  - ▶ Implementing online report form for wifi connectivity issues
  - ▶ Identifying a method to immediately notify IT of printing station problems in individual buildings

# Community Relations

- ▶ **Connection Between University Regents, Administration, Faculty, and Students**
  - ▶ Fostering stronger, more frequently-used channels of communication
  - ▶ Promoting sense of four groups working toward a common goal
- ▶ **Inclusion and Safe Environment on Campus**
  - ▶ Partnering with student organizations and University offices to promote a safe and inclusive environment
- ▶ **Student Government Beyond Campus Borders**
  - ▶ Enhancing focus on partnerships and volunteering in the Ypsilanti Community

# Check In!

- ▶ Stay up to date on our progress!
  - ▶ [www.emich.edu/studentgov](http://www.emich.edu/studentgov)
  - ▶ Twitter: @emusg
  - ▶ Instagram: @emusg\_
  - ▶ Facebook: EMU Student Government
- ▶ Comments or questions?



# Fall Opening 2015



## Preparation (Student Leader Trainings)



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

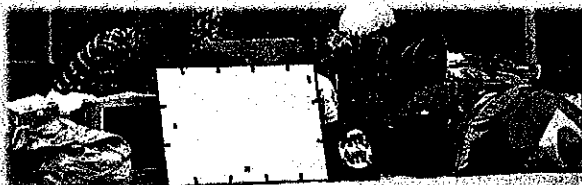
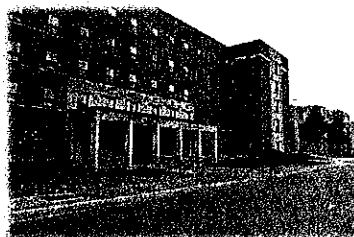
**182** New Student Orientation Assistants (NSOAs) spent 3 days training for First Four with 9 OTEAM members.



## Residence Hall Move-In

Housing and Residence Life welcomed **1,912** new FTIACs into Walton, Putnam, Phelps, Sellers, Hill, Hoyt, Pittman, Best and Downing.

Approximately, **3,850** residents are living in the residence halls and apartments.



## Move-In Magic!

Over **40** organizations (athletic teams, clubs and organizations) as well as faculty and staff, volunteered their time to help move in our new FTIACS.



## Move-In Survey Results

21% brought 4 or more people to help them move in

7% brought 3 cars

83% said the check in process was moderately to very efficient

84% said the moving in and unloading process was moderately to very efficient

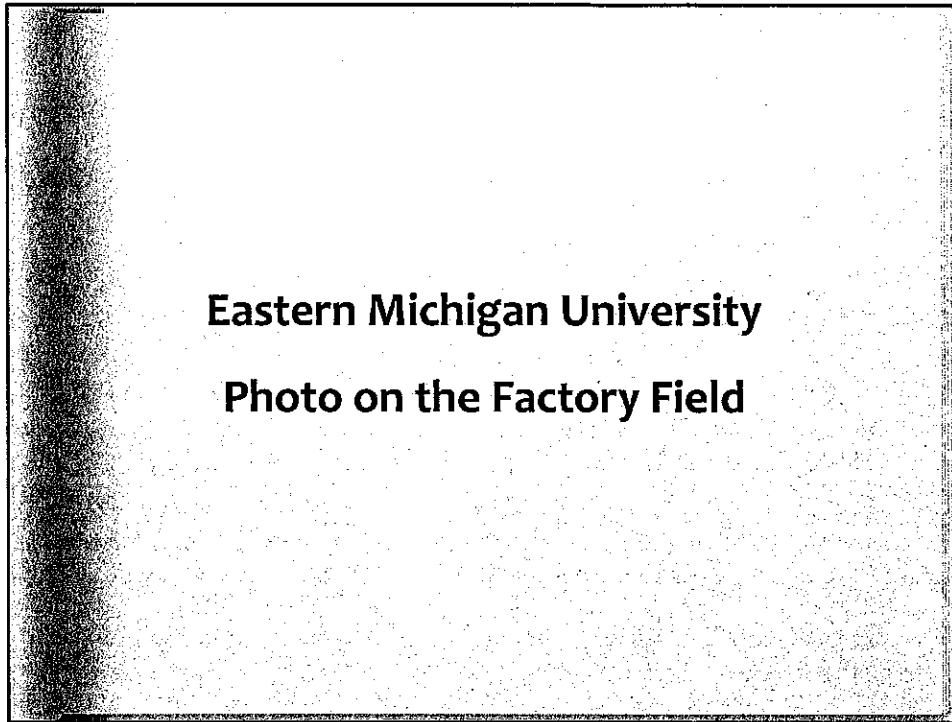
91% said the residence hall staff was moderately to very welcoming

## 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.





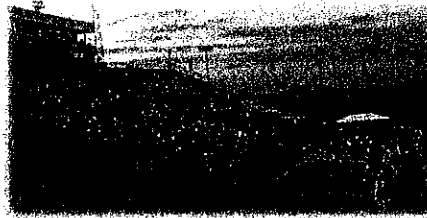


Video  
of students  
on Factory  
Field

## First Four: New Student Orientation

### Day 1

- Move In
- Community Spirit
- Family Picnic
- Faculty Welcome Reception
- Photo on the Field
- Registration
- President's Family Reception
- Student Organizations
- Ice Cream Social & Trivia Contest
- Major Meetings



### Day 2

- Yes Means Yes!
- Life in the Classroom
- Football Game
- Late Night @ the Rec
- Free Movie

## First Four: New Student Orientation

### Day 3

- PlayFair
- Faculty Reception
- CloseUp
- Students of Color Reception
- Student Organizations
- Free Movie



### Day 4

- Fajita Fest
- Honors College
- Ypsifest
- Student Employment Fair
- Honors College Common Read

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!!!**

**Thank you!**  
**More than 400**  
**Students, Faculty,**  
**Staff and Administrators**