

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
February 5, 2016

These are the proposed minutes of the February 5, 2016 Board of Regents meeting.

The meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Vice Chair Treder Lang 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, Regent James Stapleton (by phone), Regent Mary Treder Lang and Regent James Webb.

Board members absent: Regent Mike Morris

There was a quorum.

Section 1

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Regent Webb moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the proposed minutes for the December 8, 2015 Board meeting be approved as submitted.

Motion Carried

Section 2

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2015 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Regent Crumm moved and Regent Fitzsimmons seconded that the proposed minutes for the December 21, 2015 special Board meeting be approved as submitted.

Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Treder Lang asked the Board if there were any items on the consent agenda the Board members wished to vote on separately. Hearing none, it was moved by Regent Webb and seconded by Regent Crumm that sections 3-8 be approved in their entirety as presented.

Section 3

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 20 staff appointments for the reporting period November 2, 2015 to January 10, 2016: Thomas Aliota, Karen Williams-Newman, Anthony Wafer, Mia Bass, Brendan Collins, Geren Woodbridge, Victoria Pearce, Stephen Miller, Tiffany Katsefaras, Christopher King, Lakshmi Vineela Nerella, Mohamed Sharif Ali Alghaithi, Hillary Lee, Izabela Stanescu, Cherise Floyd, Nathan Miller, Christine Swirple, Neal Neathery, Donald Loppnow and James Jarrett.

Section 4

STAFF SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 10 separations and retirements for the reporting period of November 2, 2015 to January 10, 2016: Darnesha Walker, Virginia Weidenfeller, Eva Lopes Telles de Menezes, Reuben Green, Brendan Collins, Maria Ross, Peggy Wiencek, Charlee Reese-Oxford, James Williams and Scott Hartman.

Section 5

EMERITUS STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff Status to two (2) staff members: Maria Ross (The School of Music and Dance) and Peggy Wiencek (Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Communities).

Section 6

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve four (4) administrative/professional appointments (Chris Foreman, Elisabeth Morgan, Micahel Paciorek and Rebecca Sipe) and two (2) administrative/professional transfers (Sanjib Chowdhury and Rhonda Longworth).

Section 7

ACADEMIC RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve two (2) retirements (Michael Vogt and Anne Gajda) and six (6) separations (Pamela Smith, Joanna Scott, Mark Birmingham, Bradley Wikerson, Todd Grote and Kathryn Miller) for the period of September 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Section 8

EMERITUS FACULTY RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to four (4) former faculty members: David Clifford (School of Health Sciences), Robert Fulkert (School of Technology Studies and Professional Service Management), Anne Beth Gajda (Department of Music and Dance), and Michael Vogt (Department of Economics).

Motion Carried

Section 9

REPORT AND MINUTES – STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Fitzsimmons seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for February 5, 2016 and that the Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 10

REPORT AND MINUTES – FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent Webb moved and Regent Hawks seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Faculty Affairs Committee Agenda for February 5, 2016 and that the Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 11

REPORT AND MINUTES – ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the working Agenda for the February 5, 2016 meeting and the December 8, 2015 Minutes.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Regent Crumm and seconded by Regent Hawks that sections 12-16 be approved in their entirety as presented.

Section 12

REPORT AND MINUTES – EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

Recommended that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for February 5, 2016 and the Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting be received and placed on file.

Section 13

2014-15 CHARTER SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT

Recommended that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the 2014-15 Charter Schools Annual Report.

Section 14

2016-17 PROVOST'S NEW FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS

Recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the report on the 2016-17 Provost's New Faculty Research Awards.

Section 15

NEW MAJOR: FERMENTATION SCIENCE

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve a new academic program: Fermentation Science major.

Section 16

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve State Representative David E. Rutledge as commencement speaker at the Sunday, April 24, 2016 commencement ceremonies. In addition, it was recommended that the Board of Regents award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Mr. Rutledge.

Motion Carried

Section 17

REPORT AND MINUTES – FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Regent Fitzsimmons moved and Regent Crumm seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the Minutes from the December 8, 2015 Finance and Investment Committee meeting and the Agenda for the February 5, 2016 meeting.

Motion Carried

Section 18

FY17 CAPITAL BUDGET AND THREE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTION

Regent Fitzsimmons moved and Regent Webb seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 University Capital Budget appropriation of \$30.2 million.

Motion Carried

Section 19

OMB CIRCULAR A-133 SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

Regent Fitzsimmons moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Supplementary Financial Reports for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Motion Carried

Section 20

RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR EXEMPT STATUS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Webb seconded that the Board of Regents approve the attached resolution and authorize the University's application for exempt status under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It was further recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the President of the University to prepare, sign and file the application with the Internal Revenue Service.

Motion Carried

Section 21

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CITY OF DETROIT

It was recommended that the Board of Regents of EMU ("the University") withdraw from the Interlocal Agreement between the University and the School District for the City of Detroit creating the Education Achievement Authority ("the Agreement") and authorize the General Counsel of the University to provide proper notice under the Agreement on its behalf of the University's intent to withdraw. Pursuant to the Agreement, the University's withdrawal will be effective on the next June 30 that is at least 180 days after the notice of intent to withdraw. The effective date of the withdrawal will therefore be June 30, 2017.

Motion Carried

Section 22

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
February 5, 2016

Ms. Vice Chair and Distinguished Members of the Board of Regents:

I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the Board of Regents for the decision today regarding termination of the University's Interlocal Agreement that formed the Educational Achievement Authority. I also extend my sincere gratitude and respect to our faculty members whose expert and systematic evaluation of the EAA helped lead to this outcome, and to our Student Government and Student Leaders Group who spoke vigorously and passionately on this important matter.

Many positive accomplishments are happening across campus as we have moved into the new semester and the new year. Our focus on students, and their success inside and outside the classroom leading to graduation and rewarding careers, remains a consistent and overarching priority. For that, I thank all of our deeply committed and talented faculty and staff.

Many examples of our positive accomplishments exist, and I am pleased to highlight several:

- The Carnegie Foundation recently reclassified Eastern from a large master's university to a doctoral university in recognition of Eastern's academic excellence and the continued growth of doctoral and research programs.
- Eastern's doctoral program in clinical psychology was ranked best in Michigan and 30th best in the nation by BestCounselingDegrees.com. U of M was the only other program in Michigan recognized, ranking 47th.
- Eastern's master's program in special education was ranked best in Michigan and 32nd in the nation by Top Masters in Education as one of the best values. No other program in Michigan was rated in the top 50.

- Eastern Michigan students finished in three of the top 10 places in the national Moot Court competition. No other students from Michigan universities finished in the top 30. Teams from more than 360 universities competed in regional qualifying events around the country, with the top 80 competing in the national championship. Students Maya Rich and Steven Cole finished third in the nation in two events: oral advocacy and in the petitioner brief competition; while the teams of Anthony Gonzalez and Jordan Giles, and Paul Taske and Kyle Francis, finished fourth and seventh in the nation respectively in the respondent brief competition. Eastern faculty members Barry Pyle, a professor of political science, and C. Robert Dobronski, a local attorney and part-time lecturer at Eastern, coached the EMU teams.
- Eastern's 30th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration included five days of educational and inspirational programs. Eastern's longstanding devotion to this annual campus and community celebration marks yet another point of distinction for our institution. Two EMU students, a faculty member and an Ypsilanti community leader were honored for how they exemplify the values and ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Academic success in the classroom continues to be a point of pride for our Athletics department. Our student athletes finished fall semester with an overall cumulative GPA of 3.235, the second highest in University history, with 39 students achieving a 4.0 grade point average.

As we continue to build on the strong relationship between our University and the Ypsilanti community, I am pleased that we will welcome State Representative David Rutledge as our commencement speaker on Sunday, April 24. There is not a more sincere, dedicated servant to our community than Representative Rutledge and we will be honored to present him with an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

Executive Director of Government and Community Relations Kenneth Dobson will be leaving Eastern to join the Wayne County Airport Authority. Ken is highly regarded by our colleagues as well as by our city, county and regional partners. We are sorry to see Ken leave and will be working to ensure our important efforts in these areas continue.

I am proud to be associated with this institution. Thank you for your support as we work together on behalf of our students and the broader community.

Other accomplishments are listed in the Appendix to this report on the University website. Thank you, Vice Chair Treder Lang.

Donald M. Loppnow
Interim President

Recognition

- EMU junior **Andrew Mascharka**, sports editor of The Eastern Echo, has been selected to receive one of the Michigan Press Association (MPA) Foundation's community journalism scholarships.
- **Wendy Beattie**, clinical and program director of EMU's graduate program in orthotics and prosthetics, has been named by *O&P News* as a leading innovator in her field.
- **Margrit Zinggeler**, professor of German, won the 2015 American Association of Teachers of German award for excellence in teaching of the language and cultures of Austria, the German speaking areas of Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Italy's South Tirol.

Events

- **Beta Alpha Psi**, Eastern's honorary accounting society, and the **Accounting Club** will offer free tax preparation services to students and members of the community on Saturday, February 6 at the College of Business.
- The **Department of Africology and African American Studies** hosted a non-partisan expert panel, "Assessing Barack Obama's 2-Term Presidency: How Would History Judge It? – Part II," on February 3.
- **Campus Life** presented, "The Political Scene According to Michael Steele," with guest speaker **Michael Steele**, Maryland's lieutenant governor on February 2.
- The Division of **Academic and Student Affairs** invited all students, faculty and staff to join world-renowned diversity educator, **Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington**, for an interactive discussion on privilege on January 28-29. Washington is founder and President of the Social Justice Training Institute and Washington Consulting Group, and has served as an educator, administrator and consultant in higher education for more than 30 years.
- Guest speaker **Fatima Sadiqi** presented "Jihadism and the Escalation of Violence Against Women and Girls: Policies Combating Gender-Based Violence in the Middle East and North Africa" on February 3 as part of the **Women and Gender Studies Lecture Series**.
- **Career Services** hosted the **2016 Internship Fair** on February 3 for students seeking internships.
- **Liz Coston**, a doctoral student at Stony Brook University, spoke on January 26 on her research about "LGBT Rights and their Impact on Anti-LGB Violence", which focused on the issues against the LGBT community. The event is part of the **2016 Equality Knowledge Speaker Series**.

- **WinterFest**, an opportunity to join student organizations, was held on January 12.
- Eastern's **Autism Collaborative Center** is holding a new 12-week, evidence-based PEERS® program called Children's Friendship Training, which will run from January – April 2016.

Of Note

- The College of Education recently announced **Phillip J. Bowman** as the recipient of the **Michael G. Morris Endowed Chair** for 2015-16. Bowman, professor and director of the Diversity Research and Policy Program at the University of Michigan, will focus his efforts on "Building Sustainable Communities: Fostering Student Success at EMU." Bowman's focus will be on men of color through a series of targeted meetings, seminars and a speaker series.
- A **special nursing program** that began in Fall 2015, offered through Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College, seeks to increase the number of area students earning their bachelor of science degree in nursing. After earning an associate degree in applied science from WCC, students will be able to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing exam to become a registered nurse. One semester later, students will then complete their final courses at Eastern Michigan and earn a bachelors of science degree in nursing (BSN).

Athletic Highlights

- The MAC Conference named 14 Distinguished Scholar Athletes for the fall sports: **Anna Aldrich, Hlynur Andersson, Willy Fink, Amy Frauhammer, Sofie Gallein, Jake Hurcombe, Mitch Lenneman, Julia Lombardi, Jordann McDermitt, Dylan Mulder, Kristin Nason, Nick Raymond, Corynne Smith, and Megan Trapp.**
- Basketball: Freshman **James Thompson IV** tied the NCAA record for consecutive made field goals during the January 9 game against Northern Illinois.
- Football: Linebacker **Great Ibe** participated in the 2016 Tropic Bowl on January 17. Running back **Darius Jackson** participated in the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl all-star game on January 23.
- Football: **Blake Banham, Jason Beck, Dan Buschman, Ian Eriksen, Cole Gardner, Jake Hurcombe, Dylan Mulder, Tyler Onda, Chris O'Risky, Brendan Renius, and Lavonte Robinson** have been named to the 2015 Mid-American Conference Football Academic All-MAC Team.
- Former Eastern Michigan University women's soccer standout, **Ashley Rodrigues**, has earned a spot on the Guyana National Team for the upcoming **CONCACAF Olympic Qualifier**, which will be held February 10-21.

- The EMU baseball team held a **Winter Pro Scout Development Clinic** for local and regional high school baseball players on February 7.
- The EMU cheer team will hold clinics on February 7 and 21.
- On January 23, EMU Athletics sponsored a food drive for **Swoop's Food Pantry** at the basketball doubleheader.
- Deputy Athletics Director **Christian Spears** has been selected to participate in the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Pathway Program. Spears is one of 23 individuals named nationally to the initiative which serves to assist minority and/or women administrators to prepare through education, training and mentorship to be athletic directors
- EMU football play-by-play voice **Matt Shepard** has been named Michigan Sportscaster of the Year for the first time in his career, as announced by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association on January 11.

Section 23

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President/Secretary Reaume announced that eight (8) people requested to address the Board of Regents. Each speaker was given up to four (4) minutes to speak.

1. Judith Kullberg (EMU Faculty Senate) – Concerns of the Faculty
2. Patrick Barry, Jr. (Alumni Association) – Alumni Association Update
3. Steve Wellinski (Representing 2,345 Concerned Citizens) – A petition to sever ties with the EAA
4. John Stewart and Betty Ballard – Public education and choral concert on February 27
5. Lisa Laverty (EMU Federation of Teachers) – Labor management relations and EMU's continuation of the Interlocal Agreement with the EAA
6. Nancy Bishop – No Paycheck for Part-time lecturers for January 15, 2016 pay date. She indicated that she is battling cancer and her request for a special check was denied.

7. Steven Cole (Student Government) – Importance of Regents understanding/connecting with campus and need to re-evaluate resource allocation in FY17 budget
8. Stephanie Robinson – Employment at EMU

Vice Chairman Treder Lang reminded attendees that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2016. She called for any further business to be brought before the Board. There being none, Regent Webb made a motion to adjourn. Regent Hawks seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Reaume
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents