

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for April 22, 2016 and the Minutes of the February 5, 2016 meeting be received and placed on file.

SUMMARY

The primary items for the April 22, 2016 Educational Policies Committee meeting include:

Agenda and Minutes; Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers; Academic Retirements/Separations; Emeritus Faculty; Charter Schools: Approval of Board Candidates; 2016-2017 Faculty Research Fellowships; 2016-2017 Sabbatical Awards; Winter 2016 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Awards; New Major: Geospatial Information Science and Technology; New Major: Special Education K-12 Learning Disabilities Endorsement; New Minor: Simulation, Animation, and Gaming; Academic Program Phase Outs: Master of Arts in Urban/Diversity Education, Public Law and Government Major, Applied Technology Major.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal impact of the actions taken is listed in the appropriate sections and in the Board minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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


University Executive Officer

3/31/16
Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents

Educational Policies Committee

April 22, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
205 Welch Hall

AGENDA

9:00	Section 12:	Agenda and Minutes (<i>Regent Crumm, Chair</i>)
9:03	Section 6:	Academic Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers (<i>David Woike</i>)
	Section 7:	Academic Retirements/Separations (<i>David Woike</i>)
	Section 8:	Emeritus Faculty (<i>David Woike</i>)
	Section 13:	Charter Schools: Approval of Board Candidates (<i>Malverne Winborne</i>)
	Section 14:	2016-2017 Faculty Research Fellowship Awards (<i>Wade Tornquist</i>)
	Section 15:	2016-2017 Sabbatical Awards (<i>Wade Tornquist</i>)
	Section 16:	Winter 2016 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Awards (<i>Wade Tornquist</i>)
	Section 17:	New Major: Geospatial Information Science and Technology (<i>Rhonda Longworth</i>)
	Section 18:	New Major: Special Education K-12 Learning Disabilities Endorsement (<i>Rhonda Longworth</i>)
	Section 19:	New Minor: Simulation, Animation, and Gaming (<i>Rhonda Longworth</i>)
	Section 20:	Academic Program Phase Outs: Master of Arts in Urban/Diversity Education; Public Law and Government Major; Applied Technology Major (<i>Rhonda Longworth</i>)

Discussion Items:

9:23	Update on Degree Completion and Retention Plan (<i>Rhonda Longworth</i>)
9:25	College Profile: College of Arts and Sciences (<i>Tom Venner</i>)
9:35	Academic Teams (<i>Tom Venner</i>)

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 5, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
205 Welch Hall

Attendees: (seated at tables) J. Carroll, Regent Crumm (Chair), D. Clearwater, A. Dow, Regent Fitzsimmons, Interim Provost Longworth, M. Nair, S. Otto, W. Tornquist, M. Winborne and D. Woike.

Guests: (as signed in): C. Karshin, K. Kucera, President Loppnow, C. Powell, C. McFarland, M. Nair and C. Shell.

Regent Crumm convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Report and Minutes (Section 12)

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

Academic Affairs Administrative Appointments/Professional Appointments and Transfers (Section 6)

Dr. David Woike, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs recommended that the Board of Regents approve (4) Administrative/Professional appointments and (2) Administrative/Professional transfers at the rank and effective date shown on the listing.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The salary would be absorbed within the levels of the 2015-2016 personnel budget.

Academic Retirements/Separations (Section 7)

Dr. David Woike, recommended that the Board of Regents approve two (2) retirements and six (6) separations for the period of September 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

STAFF SUMMARY

Of the eight (8) retirements and separations, four (4) are female and four (4) are male. Demographics show that all are Caucasian.

Emeritus Faculty (Section 8)

Dr. David Woike, recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to four (4) former faculty members: David Clifford, School of Health Sciences, 1986 to 2016 (who retired January 2016 after 29.5 years); Ronald F. Fulkert, School of Technology Studies and Professional Service Management from 1997 to 2015 (posthumously; he had been at EMU for 18 years); Anne Beth Gajda, Department of Music and Dance from 1979 to 2015 (who retired December 2015 after 36 years); and Michael Vogt, Department of Economics, 1998 to 2015 (who retired December 2015 after 37 years).

STAFF SUMMARY

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between Eastern Michigan University and the Eastern Michigan University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) provides that a faculty member who has served the University for at least fifteen (15) years may be nominated for Emeritus Faculty Status upon retirement.

The nominations for these individuals have received the support of the department head or school director, the dean of the college, and the Provost and Executive Vice President.

2016-2017 Provost's New Faculty Awards (Section 14)

Dr. Wade Tornquist, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research, recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the 2016-17 Provost's New Faculty Research Awards.

STAFF SUMMARY

The Provost's New Faculty Research Award offers competitive awards of up to \$5,000 to faculty in their first or second year of employment to carry out carefully designed research or creative projects. The program is designed to help new faculty establish a research agenda that will make them more competitive for external funding. Awards must be expended during the 2017 fiscal year.

The Provost has awarded a total of \$145,264 to thirty-one (31) new Eastern Michigan University faculty for research and creative projects under the Provost's Research Award for New Faculty program for 2016-17.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of Provost's Research Awards for New Faculty will be absorbed in the 2016-2017 budget.

New Major Proposal: Fermentation Science Major (Section 15)

Dr. Rhonda Longworth, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, recommended that the Board of Regents approve a new Academic Program: Fermentation Science Major

SUMMARY

Broadly defined, fermentation is the process by which organisms convert carbohydrates into energy and other by-products in the absence of oxygen. The term 'fermentation' is commonly used to refer to the production of alcohol from sugars, such as in the production of beer and wine, but fermentation is also present in many other common processes, such as the leavening of bread and the production of sauerkraut.

Nationwide there has been a significant increase in the interest in and consumption of fermented food and drinks, spurred both from an increase in small-batch, artisan-crafted products and from an increased acknowledgement of the potential health benefits of a diet that includes fermented foods containing active organisms. Craft beverages, such as beer, wine, cider, distilled spirits, and kombucha, have increased greatly in popularity, as have fermented foods, such as yogurt, bread, cheese, dry-cured sausage, and kimchi. Additionally, non-food fermentation is on the rise, such as in the production of fuel ethanol from biomatter, and in the production of pharmaceutical products and precursor molecules.

As the market for these products has increased, so has the need for trained and knowledgeable college graduates to fill scientific positions in these rapidly growing industries. The proposed program brings together subjects from multiple disciplines (primarily Chemistry and Biology) and frame them in the context of the science of fermentation and its practical application through the creation of several new

courses. It is the nature of several of the new FERM courses that sets our program apart from the very few other existing academic programs focused on fermentation

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Program costs will be absorbed with the current Academic Affairs budget.

Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient (Section 17)

Dr. Rhonda Longworth, recommended approval of State Representative David E. Rutledge as Commencement Speaker at the Sunday, April 24, 2016 commencement ceremonies. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Mr. Rutledge.

Charter Schools Annual Report (Section 13)

Dr. Malverne Winborne, Director of Charter Schools, recommended that the 2014-15 Charter Schools Annual Report be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

During the 2014-15 school year, eleven charter schools operated under the auspices of the Board of Regents of Eastern Michigan University. These schools enrolled approximately 3,500 students. As the fiscal agent for the schools, Eastern Michigan University's accounting office processed approximately \$24 million of state aid funding to the schools. The Charter Schools Office paid approximately \$159,000 in indirect costs to the University's General Fund.

The Annual Report includes a discussion of the history of the Charter Schools Office at Eastern Michigan University as well as a state and national perspective. Complete descriptions of each school, their mission statements, their performance indicators, vital statistics and a financial report are contained in the Annual Report.

Discussion Items:

Dr. Rhonda Longworth provided an update on the Degree Completion and Retention Plan-Report on Metrics.

Dr. Murali Nair, Dean, College of Health and Human Services presented a CHHS College profile.

Dr. Wade Tornquist presented an over-view of Internal Research Awards at EMU.

Regent Crumm thanked those in attendance, and adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Clearwater
Executive Assistant, Office of the Provost
Academic and Student Affairs