

# **BOARD OF REGENTS**

## **EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATION**

### **HONORARY EMERITUS STATUS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents grant Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service to Dr. Linda Pritchard, who served EMU for fourteen years, and provided exceptional leadership in her roles as faculty member, Head of the Women and Gender Studies Department and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. During this time, she provided outstanding leadership on a number of initiatives including establishing the Women and Gender Studies Department, raising \$25,000 for two WGST endowed scholarships, and establishing the Women in Philanthropy program.

#### **STAFF SUMMARY**

According to University policy, retiring employees who have served the University for fewer than 15 years may be granted Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service. Candidates for honorary emeritus status must have a significant number of years of service and a record of meritorious performance in one or more of the following: (a) a substantive record of scholarly achievement commensurate with national or international standards within the specific discipline, (b) a record of outstanding teaching and or educational contributions, (c) clear evidence of service to the University beyond the normal expectations, (d) clear evidence of exceptional institutional leadership, advancement of the University or extraordinary service to students.

Dr. Pritchard has been employed at EMU for 14 years, and has demonstrated exemplary service to the students and faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences and the university as a whole, as evidenced by her outstanding record of achievements.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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



University Executive Officer

1/18/17

Date



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Division of Academic and Student Affairs

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ARTS AND SCIENCES DEAN'S OFFICE

EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Women's + Gender Studies recommends the awarding of Emeritus Faculty Status for the following retiring/retired faculty member:

Name of Faculty Member: Dr. Linda Pritchard

Current Status/Rank at EMU: Professor / PTL

Date of Hire at EMU: Sept 1, 2002 Retirement Date: Aug. 31, 2016

Number of Years at EMU: 14 (Minimum of 15 years of service required)

Please complete the following information on the retiring faculty member for whom you are submitting this recommendation. This information is needed for inclusion in the EMU Faculty Directory.

Home Address: [REDACTED]

Home Telephone: [REDACTED] Mail Address: Linda.pritchard@emich.edu

Name of Spouse: [REDACTED]

Degree(s)/Institutions/Year: Baccalaureate: Univ of Michigan

Masters: MA Univ. of Pittsburgh

Doctoral: PhD

Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this Form

Emeritus Faculty status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. The above information will be kept on file in the Provost's Office.

[REDACTED] 9/13/16  
Recommended by (please print) Date

[REDACTED] 9/13/16  
Department Head Date

[REDACTED] 9/19/16  
Provost Date

[REDACTED] 9/15/16  
Dean Date

Date Submitted to Board of Regents

Please forward this completed form to: Debbie Clearwater  
Academic and Student Affairs, 106 Welch Hall

3/26/2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Rhonda Longworth, Provost, Eastern Michigan University  
FROM: Jacqueline Goodman, Department Head, Women's and Gender Studies  
RE: Honorary Emeritus Faculty Status Recommendation  
DATE: September 6, 2016

I am extremely pleased to recommend Dr. Linda Pritchard for the Honorary Emeritus status at Eastern Michigan University, on behalf of the Women's and Gender Studies Department. She has been employed at EMU for 14 years, and has demonstrated exemplary service to the students and faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences and the university as a whole, as evidenced by her outstanding record of achievements. Dr. Pritchard has provided exceptional institutional leadership in a variety of ways.

Dr. Pritchard was a Professor of History at EMU from 2002 through 2016, and was a former Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences from 2002 through 2005. During that time Dr. Pritchard facilitated a monumental change in the Women's and Gender Studies Program at EMU. She facilitated department status for WGST and rendered the Interim Program Director in WGST equivalent to a Department Head. She was the Interim Program Director, Interim Department Head, and became the Department Head of WGST from 2008-2012, hiring the first full time WGST program Advisor.

As Department Head of WGST Linda hired the first full time faculty member in 2010, and organized a WGST matching fund-raising program in 2012, raising approximately \$25,000 for WGST's two endowed scholarships.

Dr. Pritchard has been a Department Member in WGST between 2009-2016 (a status which requires sustained teaching in WGST), and has served on search committees for the Department Head and the second full-time faculty member, has been a regular contributor to WGST endowed scholarships since 2012, was the Co-chair of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of WGST in 2015, and is currently a PTL in the Fall of 2016. Linda is a founding and continuing member of the WGST Community Board, established in 2014, and helped to plan the WGST's Starkweather Award, given to former State Representative Alma Wheeler Smith, an annual award for the outstanding contributions by a local woman to the EMU and Ypsilanti community. Dr. Pritchard co-organized the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of WGST at the College President's residence, and the procured the donation for the reception in October 2015.

Dr. Pritchard is a Charter member, Executive Board Member, and Grants Co-chair of Women in Philanthropy (WIP), from 2010 to the present. She is involved in evaluating the annual grant cycle of awards, up to \$5,000 for projects that benefit EMU. WIP has provided more than \$250,000 in grants to the EMU community thus far, and participated in statewide MI-ACE panels that describe the WIP-EMU endeavors.

Linda has received prestigious awards such as the Fulbright Specialist Award, which funds projects related to “starting, reinvigorating, reorganizing, and/or community-building in the field of women’s and gender studies,” 2012-2017. She was assigned to the Fatima Jinnah Women University, in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, in 2013, where she has worked with administrators and faculty on developing a Women’s and Gender Studies program, and has also developed an ongoing relationship between EMU-FJWU students in a Women’s and Gender Studies graduate seminar.

Dr. Pritchard also received the Woman of Excellence award from the EMU Women’s Resource Center in 2010, and has been a member of the EMU Women’s Commission, from 2008 to 2012 (ex-officio); and was appointed from 2012-2016.

Given Dr. Pritchard’s outstanding administrative and scholarly contributions to the WGST Department, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the EMU community as a whole, it is without reservation that I highly recommend her for the Honorary Emeritus Status at EMU due to her outstanding leadership at the university.



September 15, 2017

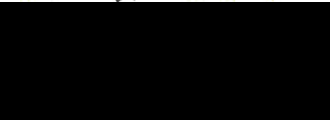
Dear Dr. Rhonda Longworth,

It is with great enthusiasm that I support the recommendation of Dr. Jacqueline Goodman to award Dr. Linda Pritchard Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service. This status is granted to a faculty member who has served less than 15 years at EMU and has a substantive record of meritorious performance. Dr. Pritchard is such a faculty member.

Dr. Pritchard has served Eastern Michigan University for 14 years in a variety of capacities including but not limited to faculty member, Head of the Women and Gender Studies Department and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. During this time, she provided outstanding leadership on a number of initiatives including establishing the Women and Gender Studies (WGST) Department, raising \$25,000 for two WGST endowed scholarships, and establishing the Women in Philanthropy program.

Dr. Goodman does an exceptional of providing even more evidence of why Dr. Pritchard is more than deserving of Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service. It is my hope that you also concur that there is substantial evidence that Dr. Pritchard has made significant contributions To Eastern Michigan University and is well deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,



Kathleen H. Stacey, Ph.D.  
Interim Dean  
College of Arts and Sciences