

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**October 25, 2019**

These are the proposed minutes of the October 25, 2019 Board of Regents meeting.

The meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman James Webb at 11:07 a.m. in Room 201, Welch Hall, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The Board members present were: Regent Rich Baird, Regent Dennis Beagen, Regent Michelle Crumm, Regent Eunice Jeffries, Regent Alex Simpson, Regent Mary Treder Lang and Regent James Webb.

Board members absent: Regent Mike Hawks

There was a quorum.

**Section 1**

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Regent Baird moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the proposed minutes for the June 13, 2019 Board Meeting be approved as submitted.

**Motion Carried**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Webb 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 Treder Lang and seconded by Regent Beagen that sections 2-9 be approved in their entirety as presented.

## **Section 2**

### **STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 35 staff appointments for the reporting period May 21, 2019 through October 1, 2019: Andrew Kang, Zaakira Muhammad, Seth Thomsen, Nicole Marek, Beatrice Korte, Ryan Zaporski, Derek Perkins, Emily Burgess, Morgan Mark, Seth Ellanson, Allison Frymier, Dustin Yates, Kellynn Wilson, Sherry Bumpus, Benuel Post, Sabrina Kirkland, Daniel Robb, Jeffery Norris, Cathleen Gable, Amy Otteson, Jayme Shuk, Jennifer Boudrie, Marko Delic, Traci Korte, Annabel Kaplan, Amy Finkenbine, Sushma Vallamkonda, Sandra Mroz, Deanna Gower, Meredith Krus, Erin Smith, Ali Siewert, Guanzhong Zhang, James Tobias and Seth Brown.

## **Section 3**

### **STAFF SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 91 separations and retirements for the reporting period of May 21, 2019 through October 1, 2019: Rowena Fancher, Sean Conaty, Kyle Martin, Gary Thompson, Christopher Shropshire, Brandon Parrish, Karen Waldroop, Judy Lewis, Frank Norton III, Brian Kulpa, Tracy Martin, Donna Schubert, Ann Klaes, Jacob Nienhuis, Karen Schiferl, Colin Boak, Margaret McGuire, Emily Wasz, Christine Colver, Laura Arbaugh, Amy Homrich, Andrew Zellers, Michael Brown, Michael Pickerell, Gerald Cross, Spencer Schubbe, Daniel Burns, Karen Garvey, Rene Tierney, Katie Gonzales, Marissa Maeder, Silisa Waldroop, Velichka Mitroi, Peter Linn, Allison Greening, Aaron Short, Allison Piippo, Ayana Barnes, Joleen Hargis, Mary Butkovich, Galen Coleman, Michael Drumm, Jane Jackson, Carolyn Wilkins, Jere Green, Larry Gorst, Wesley Howell, Eleonora Bagatelia Katsambouris, Roberta Towne, Lisa Hulett, Kyler Ludlow, Tony Martin, Marta Muusz, Linda Jerome, Estela Thompson, Joseph Mason, Katherine Schindler, Bonnie Taylor, Carol Orlowski, Sharyn Hoard, Toni Deas, Kirstan Loghry, Thomas Thompson, Brian Steimel, Judith Massingill, Kirk Nagel, Claudia Cullin, Claudette Braxton, Kimberly Anderson, Jacqueline Wilson, Sandra Ainley, Kenneth Woods, Dale Mason, Bilal Sarsour, William Beard, Vaughn Levy, Ruby Beckermeyer, Cynthia Jones, Denise Wilkerson, Denise Riddle, Sharon Abraham, Colleen Glaser, Therese O'Neil Darling, Dawn Farmer, Jill Finney, Lorraine Hallinen, Deborah Gerhardt, Tracey Buhinicek, Mark Savage, Tim White and Mary Jones.

## **Section 4**

### **EMERITUS STAFF STATUS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff Status to Ten (10) staff members: Spencer Schubbe, Coordinator, Library Network Services, Office of Halle Library, who retired August 1, 2019, Ann Klaes, Director Student Center/Conference and Events Services, Office of Facilities and Operations, who retired June 30, 2019, Donna Schubert, Budget Records Administrator, Office of REC/IM, who retired June 28, 2019, Carol Orłowski, Secretary II, Office of Chemistry, who retired September 30, 2019, Joseph Mason, Supervisor of Laboratory Services, Office of Chemistry, who retired September 30, 2019, Michael Malach, Senior Associate AD/Finance & Facilities, Office of Athletics, who retired October 1, 2018, Colleen Glaser, Associate Director Human Resources Information Systems, Office of Human Resources, who retired September 30, 2019, Lorraine McKnight, Senior Career Coach, Office of University Advising Career Development Center, who retired on March 1, 2019, Estela Thompson, Transfer Credits Tabulator, Office of Records and Registration, who retired September 19, 2019, Michael Drumm, College Technician, Office of DoIT, who retired on August 30, 2019.

## **Section 5**

### **EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to one (1) former lecturer: Arnold Mackowiak, School of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts from 1990 to 2019 who retired after 28 years, and seventeen (17) former faculty: Randal Baier, University Library from 2000 to 2019 who retired after 19 years; Ella Burton, Department of Leadership and Counseling from 2000 to 2019 who retired after 19 years; Thomas Cullen, Department of World Languages from 1993 to 2019 who retired after 26 years; Daniel Fields, Department of Engineering Technology from 1986 to 2019 who retired after 33 years; Susan Haynes, Department of Computer Science from 1992 to 2019 who retired after 27 years; Theodore Ligibel, Department of Geography & Geology from 1991 to 2019 who retired after 28 years; Rebecca Martusewicz, Department of Teacher Education from 1988 to 2019 who retired after 31 years; Joanna McNamara, School of Music and Dance from 1986 to 2019 who retired after 33 years; Anne Nerenz, Department of World Language from 1986 to 2019 who retired after 33 years; Loreena Parks, Department of Special Education from 1995 to 2019 who retired after 24 years; Kenneth Rusiniak, Department of Psychology from 1981 to 2019 who retired after 38 years; Natthi Sharma, Department of Physics and Astronomy from 1986 to 2019 who retired after 33 years; Deborah Silverman, School of Health Sciences from 1979 to 2019 who retired after 40 years; Lizbeth Stevens, Department of Special Education from 1998 to 2019 who retired after 20 years; James Thornton, Department of Economics from 1991 to 2019 who retired after 28 years; Mary Ann Watson, Department of Communication, Media & Theatre Arts from 1990 to 2019 who retired after 29 years and Ronald Woods, Department of Africology and African American Studies from 1976 to 2019 who retired after 43 years.

## **Section 6**

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

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve one (1) Administrative/Professional transfer: Stephanie Newell.

## **Section 7**

### **ACADEMIC RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve twenty eight (28) retirements and five (5) separations for the period of June 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019: Randal Baier, Paul Bruss, Linda Burilovich, Deborah Collins-Bohler, Jamie Cornelius, Thomas Cullen, Laura Davis, Margaret Davis, Jamin Eisenbach, Harry Eiss, Daniel Fields, Beverley Goodman, Rachel Gramer, Sylvia Gray, Susan Haynes, Robert Jones, Rebecca Martusewicz, Joanna McNamara, Anne Nerenz, Karin Olson, Loreena Parks, Kenneth Rusiniak, Natthi Sharma, Deborah Silverman, Lizbeth Stevens, James Thornton, Mary Ann Watson, Ronald Woods, Michael Kielb, Vincent Mackowiak, Derek Shapiro, Leonard Sholtis and Laurie Walker.

## **Section 8**

### **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve two (2) new faculty appointments for the 2019-2020 academic year: Dyann Logwood and Chandler Wilson.

## **Section 9**

### **LECTURER APPOINTMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve two (2) new lecturer appointments for the 2019-2020 academic year: Alicia Jones and Adena Rottenstein.

### **Motion Carried**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Section 10**

#### **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Student Affairs Committee agenda for October 24, 2019 and minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting be received and placed on file.

#### **Motion Carried**

### **Section 11**

#### **EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Regent Jeffries moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the Educational Policies Committee agenda for October 24, 2019 and minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting.

#### **Motion Carried**

### **Section 12**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Regent Jeffries moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents appoint Ann Owen to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Ann Arbor Learning Community; appoint John White to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Academy for Business and Technology; appoint Deronda Dinkins to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of Joseph F. Pollack Academic Center of Excellence; appoint Kenneth Bland and Melissa Dunmore to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of Hope Academy; appoint Courtney Randolph to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the James and Grace Lee Boggs School; and appoint Ned Cooper and Carolyn King to two-year terms on the Board of Directors of New School High.

#### **Motion Carried**

### **Section 13**

#### **NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM: QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Baird seconded that the Board of Regents approve a New Academic Program: Quantitative Economics (Bachelor of Science).

#### **Motion Carried**

### **Section 14**

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

Regent Jeffries moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents approve Senator Gary Peters as Commencement Speaker at the December 15, 2019 commencement ceremony. In addition, it was recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Senator Peters. It was also recommended that the Board of Regents award an honorary Doctor of Commercial Science degree to Mr. Jack Roush at the December 15, 2019 commencement ceremony.

#### **Motion Carried**

### **Section 15**

#### **FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Regent Baird moved and Regent Jeffries seconded that the Faculty Affairs Committee agenda for October 24, 2019 and the minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting be received and placed on file.

#### **Motion Carried**

**Section 16**

**FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Regent Crumm moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the minutes from the June 13, 2019 Finance and Investment Committee meeting and the Working Agenda for the October 25, 2019 meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 17**

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION AS OF JUNE 30, 2019**

Regent Crumm moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the University's audited fiscal year 2018-2019 financial statements and auditor's report.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 18**

**FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 GENERAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS REQUEST**

Regent Crumm moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Fiscal year 2020-21 General Fund Scholarships, Awards, and Grants proposal of \$52,100,000.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 19**

**FISCAL YEAR 2021 STATE CAPITOL OUTLAY PLAN**

Regent Crumm moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Board of Regents approve the University's Capital Outlay Plan and delegate authority to the President to submit the renovation of Roosevelt Hall as Phase II of the College of Engineering & Technology Growth and Expansion as the University's top project request for state cost participation for Fiscal Year 2021.

**Motion Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**TAB A**

**PRESENTATION: IHA HEALTH CENTER @ EMU**

Ellen Gold, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and Jason Harris, Vice President of Development and Planning, IHA, gave a presentation on the IHA Health Center @ EMU.

**TAB B**

**RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF THE MEN'S GOLF TEAM AND HEAD COACH BRUCE CUNNINGHAM**

Regent Simpson moved and Regent Treder Lang seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Resolution recognizing the Eastern Michigan University Men's Golf Team for being crowned co-champions for the Mid-American Conference and Head Coach Bruce Cunningham as MAC Golf Coach of the Year.

**Motion Carried**



## **TAB C**

### **BOARD POLICY REVISIONS**

Regent Baird moved and Regent Jeffries seconded that the Board of Regents of Eastern Michigan University approve the revisions to Board Policies: 1.5, 11.1.2, 11.1.4, 11.1.5, 11.3.1, 11.5.1, and 14.7.

#### **Motion Carried**

## **TAB D**

### **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Regent Treder Lang moved and Regent Crumm seconded that the Board of Regents authorize and execute the attached amendment to President James M. Smith's Employment Contract.

#### **Motion Carried**

## **TAB E**

### **PARTNERSHIP WITH BEIBU GULF UNIVERSITY**

Regent Baird moved and Regent Jeffries seconded that the Board of Regents authorize the President to negotiate and execute final documents for the establishment of Beibu Gulf University and Eastern Michigan University Joint College of Engineering, a cooperatively run school located on the campus of Beibu Gulf University, located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China.

#### **Motion Carried**

## **TAB F**

### **2020 MEETINGS**

Regent Simpson announced the Board of Regents meeting dates for the year of 2020: Thursday, February 13, Thursday, April 23, Thursday, June 18, Thursday, October 22, Thursday, December 10.

## TAB G

President's Report  
**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
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Mr. Chairman and Distinguished Members of the Board of Regents:

It has been a dynamic first two months of the academic year. There is much to be proud of and much to share as we move through a beautiful fall season. This time of the year is always my favorite on campus – with the trees changing colors and mountains of leaves around the corner.

I thank all of our students, faculty and staff for an excellent start to the new academic year. A walk around our campus will provide a good view of the many important construction projects that are underway, as we continue to transform our University. Starting at Sill Hall on the southeast corner of campus, the home of the College of Engineering and Technology, you will see steel beams and open floors, as the \$40 million project steams toward a fall 2020 completion.

Continuing a walk to the north, to the center of campus, and you'll find the first phase of work to the Rec/IM is completed -- renovations to floors three, four and five – new cardio and circuit training equipment, and an enhanced student lounge.

Next up is the redesign and renovation of the first and second floors that will include dramatic changes to the façade of the building and large new windows with views of the lake. The entire project will be completed in late 2020, though it remains open throughout. It is important to acknowledge our students for this project as it is funded by a student rec fee proposed by student leaders.

Walking further to the north, and a bit to the west, you will find construction nearly completed for the new IHA Health Center @ EMU, which you heard about in detail earlier. A collaboration with IHA and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, the new facility will provide primary care and 7-day a week urgent care for students, Eastern employees, and the greater community. The community open house takes place on Saturday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to noon, and it opens for business on Monday, November 4.

And, right next door is another new building, the EMU Campus Wellness Center. It will house the University's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and Psychology Clinic. This building will open at the end of January 2020.

From a facilities perspective, these are transformative times at Eastern Michigan. We continue to work to transform the University in other ways as well. In my State of the University address on October 15, I announced the establishment of the University Strategic Investment Fund. With an initial commitment of \$250,000, the fund is designed to support the institutional priorities in the Strategic Plan, with a focus on student retention, faculty initiatives and community engagement.

- Speaking of the Strategic Plan, we launched a new process to improve and enhance the University’s strategic planning process, with individual work teams assigned to identify goals and strategies. Three institutional priorities continue to guide our actions, and provide the umbrella that drives all major University initiatives:
  - 1) Promote Student Success and Engagement;
  - 2) Deliver High Quality Academic Programs and Quality Research; and,
  - 3) Engage and Serve EMU and our Regional Communities.

Now, I would like to highlight a few specific accomplishments over the past several months:

- Eastern’s online certificate in Human Resources was selected as one of the nation’s top 25 such programs in 2019 by BestColleges.com;
- Eastern was featured as one of the best in a list of Bachelor’s in Nutritional Science Programs assembled by BestSchools.org – the only Michigan university named.
- College of Health and Human Services Professors Christina Marsack-Topolewski and Annemarie Kelly testified before the Michigan House of Representatives Committee for Families, Seniors and Children;
- The SEMIS Coalition, an organization devoted to educating area youth about good stewardship in their communities and led by Professor Ethan Lowenstein, received the 2019 Sustainable Communities Champion Award; and,
- The College of Engineering and Technology secured the accreditation of three undergraduate programs from commissions associated with the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology.

I would like to remind everyone that the EMU Diversity Campus Climate Assessment, called “Diversity in Action,” is now underway. The random survey of students, faculty and staff launched via email on Oct. 22, and town halls and focus groups will be held in the coming weeks. Another component of the assessment, called “EMU Voices,” is also underway. Through this initiative, participants can record short, three to five minute stories about their experiences with diversity at EMU.

All of the findings from the survey, town halls, focus groups, and voice recordings will be delivered to EMU’s administration and campus community, and a plan of action will be put in place to bolster, improve and monitor issues of respect, inclusion, access and equity on campus.

I would like to close here by thanking the Board for its support of the important initiatives detailed in this report and throughout the University. Its support of our administrative leadership team, and its equal support of our students, faculty and staff is of immense importance to all of us.

Other accomplishments are listed in the Appendix to this report and on the University website.

Thank you, Chairman Webb.

James M. Smith, Ph.D.  
President

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### **Recognition**

- For the 17th consecutive year, Eastern Michigan University was rated as one of the “**Best Colleges in the Midwest,**” according to The Princeton Review.
- Eastern was named a Diversity Champion as part of the **2019 Corp! Salute to Diversity Awards.** EMU was one of 20 organizations to be honored.
- Eastern was designated as a Military Spouse Friendly school by the veterans’ organization VIQTORY.
- The **EMU Legal Resource Center**, in which EMU paralegal students offer assistance to more than 200 community members each month, is celebrating its **15th anniversary** this fall.
- **Rhonda Longworth**, Eastern provost and executive vice president of academic and student affairs, was named a **2019 Crain’s Notable Women in Education Leadership** honoree.
- **Kyle Schuette**, a recent EMU graduate, was awarded a **\$22,000 graduate degree scholarship** to study cybersecurity at a nationally renowned institute, the **SANS Technology Institute**, as part of an accredited college program called Applied Cybersecurity.

### **Of Note**

- Eastern and Make-A-Wish® Michigan granted aid to a teen with a critical condition wanting to attend college. **Make-A-Wish Michigan** granted his wish by contributing \$6,000 toward the teen’s tuition, while EMU offered a \$6,000 **Emerald Scholarship** to help cover tuition costs.

- Eastern was granted the lead on a \$988,707 grant from the **State of Michigan's Marshall Plan for Talent** to develop geographic information systems and technology (GIS/T) mapping and analysis applications designed to strengthen Michigan high school students' abilities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).
- Eastern has been awarded a three-year \$689,200 grant by the **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)** to develop, pilot, and implement a new mandatory statewide training program for foster parents.
- **The University Strategic Investment Fund** was announced at the State of the University Address on October 15. An initial commitment of \$250,000 was made to support institutional priorities such as student retention, faculty initiatives and community engagement.
- Eastern has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the **Ford Motor Company Fund** through its **Ford College Community Challenge**, an innovative grant-making program designed to inspire student teams to develop creative community-building projects addressing local needs around the theme Making Lives Better. The grant will support **EMU's Optimize Eastern project**.
- The **"Ypsilanti Matters/Collaboration for Change"** initiative was launched between Ypsilanti Community Schools, Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw County.
- EMU Board of Regents Chairman **James Webb and his wife, Cathy**, donated 60 cases of soup to Swoop's Food Pantry.
- During July, the **College of Health and Human Services** hosted two groups of visiting nursing students, from **Hung Kuang University (HKU)** and **Chung Guang University of Science and Technology (CGUST)** in Taiwan. The groups attended a variety of lectures and discussions at Eastern, and visited the University of Michigan Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, and the John Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit.
- Eastern and **Marygrove College**, which closed this fall semester after 92 years of operation in Detroit, reached an agreement to help more than 300 displaced graduate students finish their degrees at EMU.
- **Governor Gretchen Whitmer and former First Lady Sue Snyder** announced that EMU will host the fifth annual "Let's End Campus Sexual Assault" summit in October 2020 as the state of Michigan continues to prioritize this critical public health and safety issue.

- **Garlin Gilchrist, Lt. Gov. of the State of Michigan**, got a vivid illustration of both the benefits and the potential of how capital outlay funding helps Eastern Michigan University educate students in high-demand career fields during a visit to campus Oct. 4.
- **Ann Eisenberg**, a professor of psychology with extensive experience in the oversight of honors colleges and associated programs, joined Eastern as dean of **The Honors College** on August 1.
- EMU's third season of "**EMU Today TV**" was launched October 10. The half-hour program was developed three years ago to feature positive programs, events and initiatives at Eastern, and provides opportunities for viewers to learn more from University deans, faculty, students and administrators about activities at the University.

### Events

- **Terrence J. Roberts, one of the Little Rock Nine** who desegregated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957, following the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Brown v. Board of Education case to integrate schools, will serve as **keynote speaker** for Eastern's annual **Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration** on January 20.
- EMU is helping to establish a new community writing center that will support writers of all levels and backgrounds. **YpsiWrites**, to be located at all locations of the Ypsilanti District Library, will have drop-in hours for one-to-one writing help along with workshops on different types of writing and other programs. The launch and grand opening were held on October 19.
- Eastern hosted a symposium on October 17 and 18 to celebrate **EMU Geography Professor Mark Jefferson's** contributions at the Versailles Peace Conference, the meeting of world leaders that established a new international order after World War I. This year marked the 100th anniversary of the historic event.
- EMU hosted its second annual **I TRI for MAC triathlon in honor of McKayla Hanson**, EMU alumna and contender for the U.S. Paralympic Triathlon team. The event was held on October 6 on Eastern's campus.
- Eastern's **College of Engineering and Technology (CET)** hosted hundreds of high school students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on October 4 in honor of the nationally recognized **Manufacturing Day**.
- **Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha**, pediatrician, professor, public health advocate and author of the book "What the Eyes Don't See," **visited Eastern on October 3 for a reception, lecture and book-signing event**. Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha used science to prove Flint kids were exposed to lead and fought backlash to advocate for the people of Flint.

- The annual **College of Business (COB) Alumni Business Conference** took place September 19. Speakers included **Howdy Holmes and Rosalyn Emerson** who shared their business success secrets with students.
- Under the direction of EMU's new associate director of bands Chandler Wilson, the **EMU Marching Band** performed a medley of hit songs for the halftime show of the **Detroit Lions football game** on September 15.
- Eastern held its annual **Ceremony of Remembrance** on September 11 at EMU's 9/11 Memorial in memory of those lost and the first responders.
- Eastern opened a **special exhibition that showed the intersection between science and design** on September 11. The show revealed relationships between these seemingly disparate disciplines, and show the similarities between the processes that produce knowledge through design and through scientific processes.
- EMU, the University of Michigan, and Washtenaw Community College teamed up to host the fifth annual **Bold Futures** event on August 20 at the WCC Crane Liberal Arts building. Participants worked with other students, local business owners, and facilitators from EMU, UM and WCC to identify community problems, develop potential solutions, and pitch those solutions to business and non-profit leaders.
- The **EMU Parsons Center for Arts and Sciences** hosted an event on June 21. The evening was highlighted by a musical trio from the Interlochen Arts Academy and a presentation from **Susan Thompson**, the 2018 Oliver Art Center and Parsons Center Artist in Residency.

### **Athletics**

- The MAC announced its list of Distinguished Scholar Athletes from the eight spring sports for the 2018-19 academic season on July 10. The scholars named were **Sean Beckom II, Beau Breault, Owen Day, Allyson Goff, Derek Jones, Brittini Mason, Sydney Meyers, Zachary Owings, Owen Richardson, and Austin Wicker**.
- Baseball (Men): **Cameron Cruz, Shane Easter, Scott Granzotto, Caleb Hester, Nate Jones, Nick Jones, Jared Kauffman, Luke McGuire, Zachary Owings, Drake Peggs, John Rensel Jr., and Jackson Shaver** were named to the Academic All-MAC Team.
- Golf (Women): **Maria Connelly, Penelope Guilleux, Katelin Lawson, Preaw Sripatrprasite, and Julia Stevenson** were named All-American Scholars by the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA).
- Golf (Men): **Beau Breault and Zach Sudinsky** were named **Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars**.

- Golf (Men): The men's golf team broke the **54-hole school record** with a 20-under par total of 832, finishing in a tie for third at the Marshall Invitational on September 10.
- Golf (Men): The men's golf team tied the **lowest 18-hole round in program history** with a nine-under 272 on September 9 at the Marshall Invitational.
- Gymnastics (Women): The Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA) announced the top academic teams from the 2018-19 year on August 19. EMU landed at **24th in the country** with a team grade point average of 3.597.
- Gymnastics (Women): **Megan Benzie, Cortney Bezold, Carly Clark, Emili Dobronics, Shannon Gregory, Cali Harden, Megan Hultgren, Carly Kosanovich, Bri Price, Charlotte Reynolds, Jada Rondeu, and Caitlin Satler** were honored as WCGA Scholastic All-Americans.
- Football (Men): Eastern senior defensive back **Brody Hoying** was named a semifinalist for the 2019 William V. Campbell Trophy® Presented by Mazda, the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame (NFF).
- Swimming/Diving (Women): **Bethany Berger, Delaney Duncan, Casey Gavigan, Gabrielle Mace, Micaela Schempf, Sophia Tsafantakis and Claire Young** were named to the 2019 College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) **Scholar All-America Team**.
- Track (Women): **Brittini Mason** has been selected to represent **Team USA at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships** in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in November.
- Volleyball (Women): For the 15th consecutive season, the volleyball program was recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) for academic excellence with the **AVCA Team Academic Award**.
- The NCAA announced Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Federal Graduation Rate as part of the annual NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program. This year's Eastern Michigan-specific data revealed an overall **multi-year GSR of 84 percent**, bested only by last year's record-setting 85 percent.
- EMU Athletic Hall of Famer and Ladies Professional Golf Association co-founder **Shirley Spork** was named one of the inductees into the **2019 Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) of America Hall of Fame**.
- **Mike Calhoun** (Men's Track), **Morris Ellis** (Men's Track), **Ron Fernandes** (Football), **Stacy Graham** (Volleyball), and **Kevin Walter** (Football) were inducted into the E-Club Athletic Hall of Fame in October.



- The **Michigan Baseball Hall of Fame** inducted longtime EMU Head Baseball Coach **Ron Oestrike** in an in-game ceremony during the Lansing Lugnuts/Dayton Dragons game at Cooley Law School Stadium.
- EMU men's basketball **Coach Rob Murphy** released a new book called DEEP: The Life of Rob Murphy. Proceeds from DEEP help raise money for the Rob Murphy Foundation, which serves thousands of under-privileged youth in Detroit and Ypsilanti communities.
- **Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS)** entered into an agreement with the EMU Department of Athletics to become the **official health & wellness partner** for the Eastern athletic program. The multi-year partnership includes signage and digital assets, as well as naming rights to EMU's Indoor Practice Facility, which is now known as the St. Joe's Sports Dome.

## **TAB H**

### **OPEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice President Reaume announced that three (3) people requested to address the Board of Regents. The speakers were given up to three (3) minutes to speak.

1. Paul Leighton (Swoops Food Pantry) – Swoops Food Pantry distributes free food to EMU students who are facing food insecurity. This talk will discuss some recent increases in usage and challenges facing the pantry.
2. Ethan Smith (Student Government) – Student Government priorities for 2019. Comments will be an abridged version of the presentation to the Student Affairs Committee (slides already submitted) and will touch on retention initiatives, housing insecurity and the Student Emergency Fund. No new major topics broached.
3. Hajer Abuzir (Student Government) – Speaking about the goals in the Student Government office for the school year.

Chairman Webb reminded attendees that the next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2019. He called for any further business to be brought before the Board. There being none, Regent Crumm made a motion to adjourn. Regent Beagen seconded to adjourn the meeting.

### **Motion Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicki Reaume  
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents