

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
February 13, 2020

These are the proposed minutes of the February 13, 2020 Board of Regents meeting.

The meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman James Webb at 1:32 p.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 DECEMBER 13, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Regent Crumm moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the proposed minutes for the December 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 Simpson that sections 2-7 be approved in their entirety as presented.

Section 2

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve seven staff appointments for the reporting period November 22, 2019 through December 31, 2019: Jeffrey Angeliu, Jamila Whitaker, Jamee Southward, Logann Dolan, Alexander Jewell, David Guest, and Hannah Morch.

Section 3

STAFF SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve eight separations and retirements for the reporting period of November 22, 2019 through December 31, 2019: Alison Halweg, April Glatz, Benita Goldman, Chiara Hensley, David Turner, Jo Warner, John Phillips, and Priscilla Hall.

Section 4

EMERITUS STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff Status to five staff members: Toni Deas, Library Assistant, Halle Library, retired 9/30/2019, Dawn Farmer, Office Supervisor, Holman Success Center, retired 9/30/2019, Jada Wester, Executive Assistant, Business & Finance, retired 11/8/2019, Kenneth Hardesty, Police Officer, Department of Public Safety, retired 10/02/2015, and Benita Goldman, Program Associate, Academic Programs Abroad, retired 12/31/2019.

Section 5

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL TRANSFERS

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve three Administrative/Professional transfers: Julie Becker, Alexander Popko, and Mehmet Yaya.

Section 6

ACADEMIC RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 13 retirements for the period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019: Marcia Bombyk, Elizabeth Broughton, Nancy Copeland, Sammy Fullerton, Susan Gregory, Susan Moeller, Pamela Moore, Elisabeth Morgan, William Moylan, David Pierce, Darcelle White, Diane Winder, Rick Rogers and one separation: Mary Vielhaber.

Section 7

EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Status to 10 former faculty: Elizabeth Broughton, Department of Leadership and Counseling from 1997 to 2019 who retired after 22 years; Nancy Copeland, Department of Teacher Education from 1990 to 2019 who retired after 29 years; Sam Fullerton, Department of Marketing from 1982 to 2019 who retired after 37 years; Susan Gregory, School of Technology and Professional Services Management from 2002 to 2019 who retired after 17 years; William Moylan, School of Visual and Built Environments from 2002 to 2019 who retired after 17 years; David Pierce, School of Music and Dance from 1990 to 2019 who retired after 29 years; Rebecca Sipe, Department of English Language and Literature from 1997 to 2019 who retired after 22 years; Toni Stokes Jones, Department of Teacher Education from 1999 to 2019 who retired after 20 years; Darcelle White, School of Technology and Professional Services Management from 1995 to 2019 who retired after 24 years, Diane Winder, School of Music and Dance from 1988 to 2020 who retired after 31 years, and one former lecturer Rick Rogers, Department of History and Philosophy from 1992 to 2019 who retired after 28 years.

Motion Carried

REGULAR AGENDA

Section 8

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Student Affairs Committee agenda for February 12, 2020 and minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 9

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Regent Baird moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Faculty Affairs Committee agenda for February 13, 2020 and the minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 10

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Jeffries seconded that the Educational Policies Committee agenda for February 12, 2020 and minutes of the December 13, 2019 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 11

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Regent Baird moved and Regent Crumm seconded that the Board of Regents re-appoint Tammy Smith to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Academy for Business and Technology; appoint Michelle Raube to a two-year term, and Markeen Baker and Reginald Williams to three-year terms on the Board of Directors of Woodley Leadership Academy.

Motion Carried

Section 12

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM: CIVIL ENGINEERING, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Regent Baird moved and Regent Crumm seconded that the Board of Regents approve a New Academic Program: Civil Engineering (Bachelor of Science).

Motion Carried

Section 13

ACADEMIC PROGRAM PHASE-OUTS

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Crumm seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the notification of the following five (5) Academic Program Phase-Outs: Language and International Careers - French, (BA), Language and International Careers - Spanish (BA), Secondary Education French (BA), Secondary Education German Language and Literature (BA), and Secondary Education Spanish Language Teaching (BA).

Motion Carried

Section 14

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Regent Jeffries moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the minutes from the December 13, 2019 Finance and Investment Committee meeting and the Working Agenda for the February 13, 2020 meeting.

Motion Carried

Section 15

**FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2019**

Regent Jeffries moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the Federal Single Audit Financial Reports for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Motion Carried

Section 16

**CIVIC MEDIA GROUP, LLC. - UNIVERSITY SIGNAGE OPERATING
AGREEMENT**

Regent Jeffries moved and Regent Crumm seconded that the Board of Regents delegate to the President or designee to negotiate and execute an agreement for the construction and operation of electronic signage at strategic locations on the University's campus. The agreement provides a term of thirty (30) years.

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS AND PRESENTATIONS

TAB A

PRESENTATION: EAGLE CORE TEAM

Decky Alexander provided the Board with a review of all of the programs and offerings through the Engage@EMU Office.

TAB B

RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF THE 2020 MLK CELEBRATION “RISE UP AGAINST INJUSTICE”

Regent Simpson moved and Regent Treder Lang seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Resolution recognizing the 2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Planning Committee.

Motion Carried

TAB C

RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF THE EMU MOOT COURT TEAM

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Baird seconded that the Board of Regents approve the resolution recognizing the Moot Court Team for being named National Champions.

Motion Carried

TAB D

RECOMMENDATION: APPOINTMENT OF EAGLE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BOARD MEMBER

Regent Treder Lang moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents appoint Regent Michelle Crumm to serve the remainder of Regent Eunice Jeffries’ term. The term on the Eagle Administrative Board is January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020.

Motion Carried

TAB E

RECOMMENDATION: HONORARY MASTERS DEGREE RECIPIENT

Regent Crumm moved and Regent Treder Lang seconded that the Board of Regents award Franz Harary an Honorary Master's Degree in Humane Letters-Theatre.

Motion Carried

TAB F

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

It is my distinct honor to share with you, and with the entire Eastern Michigan University community, some of the important developments that are taking place at the University.

We are one month into the new year of 2020, and the start of a new decade. It is good time for us to look ahead – to look to the future.

By the end of this year, we will have a new Sill Hall, home of the College of Engineering and Technology.

We will have a revitalized REC/IM – a complete overhaul and facelift to this vital campus and student-oriented building.

And, in just one month from now, we will have a new, expanded home for Counseling and Psychological Services and the Psychology Clinic in the new Campus Wellness Center. A ribbon-cutting event is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 at 4 p.m.

These are transformative projects, and follow last year's opening of Strong Hall and the new IHA Health Center at EMU.

While these projects are important for Eastern in the short term – they are even more important in the long term. With your help, we are, together, shaping the future of the University in a positive way for decades to come.

And, while we continue to improve the bricks and mortar of our facilities, it is the academic and student success that drives Eastern's overall impact in our community, our state, our nation and globally.

Examples of that success can be seen in the work of our Moot Court team and the national championship we celebrated just a few moments ago. Our outstanding students, led by outstanding faculty, achieved a level of national recognition that has excited the entire Eastern Michigan University community.

Other recent examples of our high quality academics include:

Brittany Venglarcik, a master's graduate student of Polymers and Coatings Technology, has been selected to receive a FOCUS (Future of Coatings Under Study) Research Scholarship of \$7,500 for the 2019-2020 school year. The [scholarship is awarded by the Detroit Society for Coatings Technology](#), a regional professional society of leading automotive executives, coating materials and equipment suppliers, consultants, entrepreneurs and academics.

The [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) is featuring the work of Education Professor Ethan Lowenstein, a national leader in the place-based education movement. The New York Times, The Detroit News, and other news media have covered the work of the SEMIS Coalition, which he leads.

Mary-Elizabeth Murphy, an associate professor of history and women and gender studies, has been named the [inaugural recipient of a social justice fellowship](#) funded by longtime EMU supporters Kirk and Sharon Profit. The fellowship enables Murphy to conduct research on her book project: "Before the Freedom Riders: African Americans, Bus Companies, and Black Protest Politics."

Dean Dana Heller of the College of Arts and Sciences [has been appointed to the board of jurors for the Peabody Awards](#), bestowed each year for excellence in television, radio and digital media. The jurors are made up of media industry professionals, media scholars, critics and journalists. Dean Heller is a professor of cultural studies.

Dr. Eric Portenga, Assistant Professor, Geography and Geology, was awarded a \$221,014 grant from the National Science Foundation for his project studying the affects on wildlife of fires in the mountains of Santa Monica, California.

Fourteen faculty members are first to receive funding from the [GameAbove Faculty First \\$2 million gift](#) to support faculty research and professional development. A variety of initiatives have been funded, totaling nearly \$50,000. Faculty can submit funding applications at the [GameAbove Faculty Professional Development and Innovation Fund webpage](#).

[GameAbove](#) is a diverse group of passionate Eastern alumni who desire to give back to the University through supporting campus initiatives focused on research, entrepreneurship and innovation. Since November, the group has donated more than \$13 million to academic, student support and athletic programs.

Our celebration of Black History Month kicked off with a successful Black Leadership Summit on January 29, hosted by the EMU Black Student Union. The remainder of the month's events can be found on the University calendar.

On March 20, we will kick off the Week of Excellence, beginning with the Graduate Research Conference and culminating with the 40th annual Undergraduate Symposium on Friday, March 27. The week of activities are a true celebration of all that Eastern Michigan stands for - high quality academics and outstanding student-faculty interaction and mentorship.

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

Thank you, Chairman Webb.
James M. Smith, Ph.D.
President

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Recognition

Chocolate Brooks, Katrina Seals, and Quentin Washington were honored and earned **\$500 scholarships** for sharing their perspectives and experiences in an essay contest detailing how they have overcome and continually will **"Rise Up Against Injustice,"** the theme for this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at EMU.

Allanah Morales and Kyra Mitchell were honored for the ways in which they powerfully honor diversity, the promotion of peace, community service and the values of Martin Luther King, Jr. Morales was presented with the **Evans-Strand Peace Award** and Mitchell received the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Award** at the President's Luncheon.

Online graduate programs in the College of Education moved up a dozen spots in the annual list of rankings of the top online graduate school programs compiled by U.S. News and World Report. The online programs ranked were in **Educational Leadership, Educational Psychology, Special Education, and Social Foundations in Education**

The online **Integrated Marketing Communications** master's degree program in the College of Business has again been highly ranked in the annual list of top online graduate school business programs compiled by the U.S. News and World Report.

The **Beta Alpha Psi accounting honors organization** was recognized as "superior" for the 20th consecutive year. The EMU chapter performs hundreds of hours of community service each semester, including work on behalf of other organizations such as Meals on Wheels, the Walk to Fight Cancer, Habitat for Humanity and Food Gatherers. In addition, they also filled out the tax return for more than 100 low-income people in the Ypsilanti community during the past year, an annual activity for the club.

Emeritus professor Ronald Woods was honored by the state of Michigan with a **special tribute signed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer**. During Woods 43-year career at EMU he served as a lecturer in the Afro-American Studies program, a professor, and head of African American studies. He received a variety of Eastern's highest honors, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award, the Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Award and the John W. Porter Distinguished Service Award.

Of Note

GameAbove and the **Mr. October Foundation** announced a collaborative effort and **\$500,000 in annual funding to expand the Digital Divas/Dudes program** that encourages and supports more girls and boys, particularly from disadvantaged areas, to enter technology-related careers.

EMU honored **Governor Gretchen Whitmer** with the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award** for her distinguished service to the state of Michigan at the annual MLK President's Luncheon.

Events

The 40th annual **Undergraduate Symposium** will be held on March 27. The Symposium features exceptional academic work of undergraduate students, showcasing their research and creative projects from a wide variety of disciplines.

The **Graduate Research Conference** will be held on March 20. Eastern graduate and doctoral students will present research and creative activity in a professional conference format.

The 34th annual **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration** was held January 16-22. The keynote speaker at the President's Luncheon was Dr. Terrence J. Roberts, one of the "Little Rock Nine." Programming events were held to explore, inform, and inspire the EMU community to engage in meaningful action as it strives to foster a just society for all.

Athletics

Baseball (Men): The baseball team and Head Coach Eric Roof with Team IMPACT, a national nonprofit that connects children facing serious or chronic illnesses with local college athletic teams, welcomed **Bentley "Bennie," Booth**, a nine-year old from Belleville, to sign on as the 35th member of the team.

Cross Country (Women): **Natalie Cizmas** and **Emily Smith** were named as MAC Distinguished Scholar Athletes for excellence in athletics and academics.

Cross Country (Men): **Owen Day** was named as a MAC Distinguished Scholar Athlete for excellence in athletics and academics.

Football (Men): **Kobie Beltram, Jake Donnellon, Dylan Drummond, Mike Haney, Brody Hoying, Marcellus Johnson, Freddie McGee III, Steven Nielsen, Thomas Odukoya, Yannik Rohrschneider, Chad Ryland, Carter Stagner, Breck Turner, and Mike Van Hoeven** were named to the Academic All-MAC Team.

Football (Men): **Dylan Drummond and Brody Hoying** were named as MAC Distinguished Scholar Athletes for excellence in athletics and academics.

Soccer (Women): **Simone Chiodo, Maria Cobetto, Peyton Davis, Mabel Dunn, Kylie Frantz, Alia Frederick, Kristin Hullibarger, Parys Kerr, Kennady Kuhlman, Aubrey Martin, Maggie McCullough, Sabrina McNeill, Tessa Osborne, Nicole Remedios, and Haley Tausend** were named to the Academic All-MAC Team.

Soccer (Women): **Sabrina McNeill and Nicole Remedios** were named to the United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Region teams.

Soccer (Women): The women's soccer team was awarded the **Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award** by the United Soccer Coaches. They were the only MAC team to be recognized and were one of 143 teams to earn the honor for the 2019 season.

Swimming & Diving (Women): The College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) announced that the team was named a **Scholar All-America Team** for the Fall 2019 semester.

EMU student-athletes finished the fall semester with an overall GPA of 3.201, the fourth highest in school history. 47 student-athletes finished the semester with perfect 4.0 GPAs.

Donald Scott, an Eastern track alumnus is aiming for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team for 2020 Tokyo. Making the team would extend Eastern's streak of 15 consecutive Summer Olympics with a representative from the men's and women's track programs.

Toronto Blue Jay's pitcher and EMU alumnus **Matt Shoemaker** hosted a Pro Pitching Development Camp in Ypsilanti in February.

Former Eastern Eagle **Andrew Wylie** played in and won the Super Bowl with the Kansas City Chiefs on February 2.

EMU's **Eagle Crest Golf Course** was recognized by Golf Advisor travel guide as among the **top 25 college courses** in the country.

TAB G

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President Reaume announced that two (2) people requested to address the Board of Regents. The speakers were given up to three (3) minutes to speak.

Colton Ray- Investing in student financial security and well - being in the event of a housing public-private partnership and in collaboration with the Game Above donors.

Dr. Rema Reynolds (Black Student Union)- The 2nd Annual Black Leadership Summit.

Chairman Webb reminded attendees that the next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2020. He called for any further business to be brought before the Board. There being none, Regent Baird made a motion to adjourn. Regent Simpson seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicki Reaume
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents