

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 7

DATE:
October 14, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

HONORARY EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents grant Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service to Dr. Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Kubitskey, who provided exceptional leadership in her role as an administrator and faculty member for 14 years.

During her time at the University, Dr. Kubitskey served as a faculty member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, the Associate Dean of the College of Education, and the Interim Dean of the College of Education. She actively helped shape the programs developed by our Michigan Board of Education for K-12 science education curriculum standards, led many state-wide initiatives in science education, and incorporated these changes in the College of Education's major programs in teacher preparation, and subsequent certification in both elementary and secondary teaching.

She has brought great energy and success to the Department of Physics and Astronomy and the College of Education over the years and we hope to maintain a strong connection with her.

STAFF SUMMARY

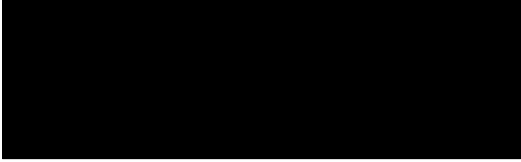
According to University policy, retiring employees who have served the University for fewer than 15 years may be granted Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service. Candidates for honorary emeritus status must have a significant number of years of service and a record of meritorious performance 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.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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



September 27, 2021

**University Executive Officer
Rhonda Longworth, Ph.D.**

Date



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Academic and Student Affairs

HONORARY EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS RECOMMENDATION

The Department or School of Physics and Astronomy recommends the awarding of **Emeritus Faculty Status** for the following retiring/retired faculty member:

Name of Faculty Member: Beth Kubitskey (Mary Elizabeth)

Current Status/Rank at EMU: Academic Professional (AP)

Date of Hire at EMU: Sept. 1996 Retirement Date: August 31, 2021

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

Degree(s)/Institutions Doctoral: University of Michigan

Masters: Eastern Michigan University

Baccalaureate University of Michigan

Please Attach a Brief Statement of Support to this 2 page application

Emeritus Faculty status is contingent upon the approval of the Board of Regents. Candidates, once approved, will be awarded Emeritus status after their official retirement date. This information will be kept on file in the Provost's Office.

Alexandria Oakes	July 30, 2021		
Recommended by (please print)	Date		
	July 30, 2021		7/30/21
Department Head	Date	Dean	Date
	9/27/21		9/27/21
Provost	Date	Date Submitted to Board of Regents	

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Memo

Date July 30, 2021

To: Rhonda Longworth, Provost and Head of Academic Affairs

From: Alex Oakes, DH of Physics & Astronomy

Subject: Emeritus Faculty Status Recommendation for Mary Elizabeth Kubitskey.

This memo serves as my recommendation for the granting of Faculty Emeritus Status to Dr. Mary Elizabeth Kubitskey.

She has served the EMU community as a part time lecturer, then a faculty member of the Department of Physics & Astronomy, and then as Associate Dean of the College of Education, for a combined 21 years.

She was first hired by Dr. Paul Daniel Trochet, then Department Head of P & A, as a part time lecturer. He convinced her to go back for a PH.D in Teacher Education at the U of M, which she successfully did. I was present at her Ph.D. thesis defense at the U of M, which took place on May 11, 2006. Since 2004 I began serving as the next DH of P & A upon Dr. Trochet's return to faculty. When we had a faculty open search for someone in physics education, Dr. Kubitskey applied and was hired as a full-time faculty at the Assistant Professor level.

Since then, she actively helped shape the programs developed by our Michigan Board of Education for K-12 science education curriculum standards, has taught physics secondary education classes for my department, while heading up many initiatives for our state in science education, and serving to incorporate these changes in the College of Education's major programs in teacher preparation, and subsequent certification in both elementary and secondary teaching.

It is with great pleasure that I wholeheartedly endorse Dr. Kubitskey's bid for Emeritus Faculty Status.