

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**June 16, 2022**

These are the proposed minutes of the June 16, 2022 Board of Regents meeting.

The meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Eunice Jeffries at 1:35 p.m.

The Board members present were: Regent Dennis Beagen, Regent Nathan Ford, Regent Eunice Jeffries, Regent Mike Hawks, Regent Jessie Kimbrough Marshall, Regent Chad Newton and Regent Alex Simpson.

The Board members absent were: Regent Michelle Crumm

There was a quorum.

**Tab A**

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Regent Simpson moved and Regent Hawks seconded that the proposed minutes for the April 21, 2022 Board Meeting be approved as submitted.

**Motion Carried**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Jeffries asked the Board if there were any items on the consent agenda that the Board members wished to vote on separately. Hearing none, it was moved by Regent Ford and seconded by Regent Simpson that sections 1-12 be approved in their entirety as presented.

**Section 1**

**STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 16 staff appointments for the reporting period March 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022: Jena Otec, Munir Prince, Dyrell Roberts, Sugandi Thirugnanam, Robert Schneider, Ruth Odenbach, Carly Scarbrough, Tiffany Smith, James Birchfield, Racheal Armstrong, Sarah Ghotane, Deena Hosmer, Nautica Marshall, Ariana Strzalka, Vanessa Gardner and Colleen McChesney.

## **Section 2**

### **STAFF SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 15 separations and retirements for the reporting period March 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022: Amy Lajcak, Ashlie Reasor, Brian Whiting, Curtus Small, David Feeley, Jonathan Householder, Klarika Savka, Lauren Soli, Rhea Naik, Richard Beswick, Richard Nemith, Sarah Krizan, Stephanie Beld-Steichen, TaQuinda Johnson and Winifred Martin.

## **Section 3**

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

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service to John Donegan, who provided exceptional leadership in his role as Vice President of Operations and Facilities for over 13 years.

## **Section 4**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve four (4) Administrative/Professional appointments and transfers: Ryan Gildersleeve, Kimberly Hewitt, Jennifer Avery and Jennifer Fritz.

## **Section 5**

### **ACADEMIC RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve three (3) retirements and 44 separations for the period of February 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022: Judith Brooks, Cathy Fleischer, Theresa Merrill, Robert Okopny, Anthony Kurek, Patrick Barry, Jr., Joseph Bauer, Claudette Braxton, Karen Burkett, Jesse Eagle, Peter Elliott, Penelope Fischer, Karen Gaskill, Frank Gerlitz, Savvas Giannakopoulos, Lisa Greco, Laurianne Hannan, Suzanne Heinzman, Katherine Heiss, Tracy Joshua, Thomas Keranen, Kent Klemz, Caren Knight, Susan Krussell, Mary Larkin, Sara Mathews, Kristen Meadows, Robert Miller, Jimmy Moore, Mark Moskal, Patrice Pedersen, Patrick Pieh, Stefanie Poehacker, Gretchen Reeves, Bill Richards, Jr., Mary Rousseaux, Adrienne Seeley, Karen Shaper, Megan Sims, Adam Skyles, DaJuan Smith, Damon Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Katrina Tabor, Barbara Thacker, Phyllis Wilkerson and Michael Zeiger.

## **Section 6**

### **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve 16 new faculty appointments for the 2022-2023 academic year: Brandon Alberts, Jennifer Barreto, Hannah Blatchford, Leslie Blome, Darren Bolger, Robert Erlewine, Matt Kautz, Lon Mitchell, Elizabeth Neilson, Inae Oh, Cierra Presberry, Jenni Putz, Rachel Radina, Jessica Swan, Jason Vosburgh and Chuyang Yang.

## **Section 7**

### **FACULTY REAPPOINTMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents accept the report from the Division of Academic Affairs pertaining to the reappointment of 15 probationary faculty members for the 2022-2023 academic year: Phillip Caldwell II, Elizabeth Donovan, Michael Foster, Amy Fyn, Imandeep Grewal, Kathryn Hughesdon, Chad Hutchinson, Caralee Jones-Obeng, Dyann Logwood, Elizabeth Loomis, Uttara Manohar, Pejman Rezakhani, Meriah Sage, Heather Silander and Shu Wang.

## **Section 8**

### **FACULTY PROMOTIONS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the report from the Division of Academic Affairs pertaining to the promotion of faculty members effective Fall 2022: Brittany Albaugh, Ashley Bavery, Alexis Braun Marks, Vernnaliz Carrasquillo, Xiangdong Che, Yvette Colon, Elizabeth Currans, Marguerite DeBello, Margaret Dobbins, Marisol Garrido, Annemarie Kelly, Tareq Khan, Jamie Lawler, Cynthia Macknish, Tierney McCleary, Megan Moore, Teresa Mortier, Brian Pappas, Valerie Pauli, Ildiko Porter-Szucs, James Saunoris, John Scoville, Brian Scruggs, Sarah Shea, Rebecca Spragg, Aaron Struminger, Vicki Washington, Heather Wiese and Peng Xu.

## **Section 9**

### **FACULTY TENURE APPOINTMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve the granting of tenure, effective beginning with the 2022 Fall semester, for 13 faculty members: Brittany Albaugh, Ashley Bavery, Vernnaliz Carrasquillo, Margaret Dobbins, Annemarie Kelly, Wanda Kent, Tareq Khan, Jamie Lawler, Brian Pappas, Valerie Pauli, Brian Scruggs, Rebecca Spragg and Aaron Struminger.

## **Section 10**

### **LECTURER APPOINTMENTS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve five (5) new lecturer appointments for the 2022-2023 academic year: Clyde Barnett III, Noelle Blasch, Mohamed Boudalia, Kristal Reyes and DeAndre Shepard.

## **Section 11**

### **LECTURER PROMOTIONS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the report entitled Promotion of Lecturers for the 2022-2023 year: Darlene Bellers, Theresa Crnkovich, Toni Jackson and Joseph Radding.

## **Section 12**

### **EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS**

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Status to six (6) former faculty: James Berry, Professor, Department of Leadership and Counseling from 1991 to 2021 who retired after 31 years; Michael Bradley, Professor, Department of Geography and Geology from 1995 to 2021 who retired after 26 years; Caroline Gould (Posthumous), Assistant Professor, Department of Teacher Education from 1997 to 2016 who retired after 19 years; Paul Howard, Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1970 to 2022 who retired after 52 years; Jayakumar Ramanathan, Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1990 to 2022 who retired after 32 years; and Ken Shiskowski, Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1983 to 2021 who retired after 38 years.

### **Motion Carried**

## **Section 13**

### **2022 EMU MARCHING BAND SEASON**

Dr. Nick Smith, the Associate Director of Bands introduced Noah Lopez and Amara Booker. Noah and Amara will be the Drum Majors for this year's marching band season. Dr. Smith highlighted the plans for the Fall and encouraged the University community to support the marching band.

**Section 14**

**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE**

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the Educational Policies Committee agenda for June 16, 2022 and the minutes of the April 21, 2022 meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 15**

**REISSUANCE OF CHARTER – DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY (9-12)**

Regent Kimbrough Marshall moved and Regent Ford seconded that the Board of Regents issue a charter for the Detroit Public Safety Academy (DPSA) and authorize the President of the University to execute a new three-year charter school contract which will expire on June 30, 2025.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 16**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Regent Kimbrough Marshall moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents re-appoint candidates to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors for the following public school academies (charter schools): Renee Newman, Academy of Business and Technology; Kamal Cheeks, Detroit Public Safety Academy; Hazel White, Detroit Public Safety Academy; Samy Ali-Khodja, Global Tech Academy; Paula Kauffman, Global Tech Academy; Samuel Barresi, New School High; Briana Sprague, New School High; and Soh Suzuki, The James & Grace Lee Boggs School.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 17**

**2022-2023 SABBATICAL LEAVE AWARDS**

Regent Kimbrough Marshall moved and Regent Ford seconded that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on 2022-2023 Sabbatical Leave Awards.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 18**

**2022-2023 FACULTY RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY FELLOWSHIPS**

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the 2022-2023 Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowship awards.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 19**

**WINTER 2022 & SUMMER 2022 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH STIMULUS PROGRAM AWARDS**

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the Winter 2022 and Summer 2022 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 20**

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVISION: SPECIAL EDUCATION K-12 ENDORSEMENT, BS**

Regent Kimbrough Marshall moved and Regent Hawks seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file a program revision: Special Education K-12 Endorsement, BS.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 21**

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**

Regent Kimbrough Marshall moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents approve Dr. Ty Weeks as commencement speaker at the August 13, 2022 commencement ceremonies. In addition, that the Board of Regents award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Dr. Weeks.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 22**

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM PHASE-OUTS**

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the notification of nine (9) academic program phase-outs: Visual Art Education, Master of Arts (MAVAE); Autism Spectrum Disorders Endorsement – Elementary, Bachelor of Science; Autism Spectrum Disorders Endorsement – Secondary, Bachelor of Science; Cognitive Impairment Endorsement – Elementary, Bachelor of Science; Cognitive Impairment Endorsement – Secondary, Bachelor of Science; Emotional Impairment Endorsement – Elementary, Bachelor of Science; Emotional Impairment Endorsement – Secondary, Bachelor of Science; Learning Disabilities Endorsement – Elementary, Bachelor of Science; and Learning Disabilities Endorsement – Secondary, Bachelor of Science.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 23**

Section 23 was removed from the agenda.

**Section 24**

**FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the minutes from the April 21, 2022 meeting and the working agenda for the June 16, 2022 meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 25**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023 TUITION AND FEES**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Ford seconded that the Board of Regents approve a 3.9% increase in undergraduate tuition and a 2% increase in graduate and doctoral tuition. Changes to program fees, signature programs and differential tuition were also approved (highlighted in support documents).

**Motion Carried**

**Section 26**

**FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Simpson seconded that the Board of Regents approve the University's General Fund operating expenditure budget of \$306.7 million for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 27**

**FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AUXILIARY FUNDS OPERATING BUDGET**

Regent Simpson moved and Regent Hawks seconded that the Board of Regents approve the University's Auxiliary Funds net operating expenditure budget totaling \$45.5 million for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

**Motion Carried**



**Section 28**

**APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A HOUSING SYSTEM LEASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED LEASING DOCUMENTS**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Ford seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Lease Agreement, and other related documents, which leases the University's campus housing system to EMU Campus Living, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company (the Lessee) whose sole member is Community Facility Public Private Partnership, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, to enable the Lessee to design, build, renovate, operate the buildings, maintain and improve the University's housing system for 35 years.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 29**

**AUTHORIZATION OF THE REISSUANCE OF CERTAIN SERIES 2018B BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO**

Regent Simpson moved and Regent Hawks seconded that the Board of Regents approve the resolution authorizing the reissuance of general revenue refunding bonds and providing for other related matters.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 30**

**SALE OF UNIVERSITY PROPERTY – 300 W. MICHIGAN AVE.**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents approve the Purchase Agreement for the sale of the property at 300 W. Michigan Avenue in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and the parking garage that serves the building. It is also approved that the Board of Regents authorize the President or his designee to negotiate and execute any additional documents associated with the sale.

**Motion Carried**

**Section 31**

**FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2021**

Regent Simpson moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the Federal Single Audit Financial Reports for the year which ended June 30, 2021.

**Motion Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**TAB B**

**EMU SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

President Smith introduced a report given on behalf of the Sustainability Commission.

**TAB C**

**RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF THE EMU FORENSICS TEAM**

Regent Newton moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents congratulates the Forensics Team and their coaches – Alex Azzopardi, Aric Bird, Lily Schwab, and Timothy Ward – for continuing the tradition of success and commends them for the honor they have brought to themselves as well as to Eastern Michigan University. The Team recently finished third in the Nation.

**Motion Carried**

**TAB D**

**RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF 2022 WEEK OF EXCELLENCE  
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Regent Ford moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents congratulated the staff members recognized for the 2022 Week of Excellence Distinguished Achievement Recognition Awards.

**Motion Carried**

**Tab E**

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN EASTERN MICHIGAN  
UNIVERSITY AND AFSCME LOCAL 3866**

Regent Newton moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents approve the recently negotiated extension of the collective bargaining agreement between Eastern Michigan University and AFSCME Local 3866, and authorizes the President to execute the Agreement on its behalf.

**Motion Carried**

**Tab F**

**AGREEMENT TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO BOARD POLICIES**

Regent Ford moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents approve a revision to Board Policy Section 12.01.01: In-State Classification for Tuition Purposes.

**Motion Carried**

## **Tab G**

### **LEASE AND SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT – EARLY COLLEGE ALLIANCE**

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents authorize the President or his designee to complete negotiations and execute a Lease and Services Agreement with the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) for the Early College Alliance (ECA).

#### **Motion Carried**

## **TAB H**

### **OPEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Vice President Reaume announced there were ten (10) requests made to address the Board of Regents. Each speaker was given up to three (3) minutes each to speak.

1. Dennis O'Grady (CMTA) – CMTA Special Events
2. Cathy Steiner (Testing Center and Conference and Event Services) – EMU Testing Center semester wrap up. Provide the Board with updates on our services, how the semester went, talk about amazing student and pro staff and overall how the year went.
3. Dr. Anke Wolbert (EMUFT9102) – Compensation issues Lecturers face.
4. Jeremy Proulx (EMUFT) – Lecturers at EMU.
5. Mark Higbee (EMU-AAUP) – EMU-AAUP and EMU contract negotiations.
6. David Dugger (Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium) – The Early College Alliance at EMU, focusing on the incredible collaboration between the ECA and EMU and student outcomes.
7. Wendy Thomas (EMU Small Business Development Center) – Michigan Small Business Development Center – EMU regional update and recent award.
8. Eric Brown (5K Run/Walk for Literacy Awareness) – 5K Run/Walk on EMU Campus to bring awareness to the literacy crisis in America.
9. Rod Wallace (EMU Upward Bound) – EMU Upward Bound and their recent grant renewal.
10. Lynn Malinoff (EMU Bright Futures) – EMU Bright Futures grant renewal.

## **TAB I**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Madam Chair and Distinguished Members of the Board of Regents:

This afternoon's approval of the University's \$55.6 million financial aid budget for the 2022-23 academic year is an important step in the University's commitment to minimizing net costs for students and supporting their success. The additional funding brings the total financial aid budget to the largest amount in the University's history.

The budget allows us to provide financial aid support to approximately 68% of our total student population, and to about 90% of our first-year students. This effort to reduce the cost of attendance exemplifies our dedication to supporting students and their families, particularly in this challenging time as we address the impact of the pandemic and dramatic increases in the costs of everyday items such as food, gasoline, and housing.

As outlined in our strategic plan, this commitment displays the University's mission to be an institution of opportunity with the state's most diverse student body among Michigan's public universities.

Today's action by the Board to approve the final elements of the Welcome Home 2025 plan will transform the campus in the years ahead. Under this \$200 million investment plan, we will build two entirely new residence halls that will be stunning in their design. The new housing communities will be highly user-friendly and efficient for our students, and they will contribute greatly to the overall vibrancy of our campus environment.

The plan also calls for the demolition of older units and the complete renovation of remaining housing inventory, except for Wise Hall, which was renovated in 2017. As a result of today's Board action, it's all systems go for the start of this transformational project.

Design work has been underway with students and employees for several months, and construction is slated to begin later this summer.

Among the signature elements of "Welcome Home 2025" is the construction of the approximately 400-bed apartment-style Lakeview residence hall next to the Student Center that will overlook the pond on the north side of campus. The other new residence hall will be located on the west side of campus near the Athletics complex. The new Westview facility will replace the current apartments, which will be demolished, and it will feature approximately 300 beds.

Visit the [Welcome Home 2025 website](#) to view renderings, the timeline, and learn about the extensive campus engagement that has taken place over the past four years to develop the plans for the project.

Please join me in congratulating students and faculty involved in three programs approved today:

- 40 faculty members were awarded Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships;
- 18 faculty members will pursue special study, research, writing or other projects under sabbatical leaves; and,
- 25 students will work with faculty mentors under the Winter and Summer 2022 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Awards program, which is designed to facilitate research partnerships between students and faculty.

You can view the full list of students and faculty involved in these programs on the [Board of Regents website](#).

We are pleased to welcome three-time EMU graduate Tyrone Weeks, superintendent of Dearborn Heights Public Schools, to serve as commencement speaker at our summer graduation ceremonies on Saturday, August 13. As approved earlier in today's meeting, Dr. Weeks will receive an honorary doctor of public service degree.

The day marks a special occasion for Dr. Weeks, who received his EMU doctorate during the pandemic and, like many graduates, was not able to participate in an in-person graduation. In our 9:30 a.m. ceremony, he will address graduates from the April 2020, August 2020, December 2020, April 2021 and August 2022 classes who also did not have an in-person ceremony. He will then address this year's summer graduating class during a second ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Weeks was recently appointed as the first black superintendent of Dearborn Heights Schools. He is an experienced administrator and community builder, dedicated to ensuring equitable teaching and learning opportunities among all students.

In a short time from now, at 3 p.m., many of us will gather in the Sponberg Theatre in the Judy Sturgis Hill Building to celebrate the official rededication of the Judy Sturgis Hill Building and the Legacy Theatre. While the renaming took place in December, we will gather to make it official this afternoon, thanks to the School of Communication, Media and Theatre Arts. A brief presentation is planned followed by photo opportunities and refreshments. I hope you can join us.

Additional information and accomplishments are listed in the appendix to this report on the University's website.

Thank you, Chair Jeffries.  
James M. Smith, Ph.D.  
President

## Recognition

- Construction Management students **James Adamo** and **Tessa Riley** competed in the **American Institute of Constructors' (AIC) Collegiate Ethics Competition** and took **first place** for the written response portion and **second place overall**. The team, coached by **Raed Jarrah**, competed against representatives from other national universities including Purdue University, California Polytechnic State University, the University of North Florida, and the University of Houston.
- The **EMU Forensics Team** placed third overall in the nation at the **National Forensics Association Tournament**, competing against more than 60 colleges and universities from across the country. **Auryon Azar**, student body president-elect, who is majoring in political science and economics, was named **national champion** in After-Dinner Speaking.
- **Symposium Undergraduate Research Fellowships** have been awarded to 11 students and their faculty mentors. Recipients include **Ronia Cabansag and Sadaf Ali; Julia De La Harpe and Christopher Robbins; Kyla Jones and Diane Guevara; Peter Landor and Cara Shillington; Eva Long and Jeffery Bernstein; Carlos Mellado-Fritz and Katherine Greenwald; Imani Peterkin and Ruth Ann Armitage; Olivia Robinson and Susan Booth; Nico Slowik and Eric Acton; Anneliese Vogler and Alice Jo Rainville and Olivia Ford; and, Ahmad Zalt and Carla Damiano.**
- **Denise Pilato**, a professor of Technology Studies, and **Rita Shah**, associate professor of Criminology, are the most recent recipients of **Fulbright Awards**. The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the United States government. Pilato will continue her interdisciplinary study of technology, culture and gender at the University of Rijeka in Croatia and Shah will study the incarceration experience in Canberra, Australia.
- **Jillian Graves**, professor of Social Work, and **Alankrita Pandey**, associate professor of Management, are recipients of the **Darrell H. Cooper Presidential Endowment Academic Research Award**, which promotes upward mobility through research, leadership, and management.

- Recipients of **2022 Summer Research Awards** for faculty included **Munther Abualkibash, Brittany Albaugh, Amanda Allen, Mohammed Noraden Alsaleh, Fathi Amsaad, Eamonn Arble, Cassandra Barragan, Ashley Bavery, Svetlana Beilfuss, Ovidiu Calin, Jie Cao, Karen Ann Craig, Claudia Drossel, Cory Emal, Brendan Fay, Sarah Ginsberg, Jillian Graves, Iman Grewel, Emily Grman, Kelly Grossman, Jonathan Hall, Jenni Hoffman, Khairul Islam, Sandra Jackson, Surabhi Jaiswal, Raed Jarrah, Alicia Jones, Marianne Laporte, Sheila Longpré, Rebecca Louick, Mary-Elizabeth Murphy, Paul Price, Pejman Rezakhani, Gabriel Rudebusch, Meriah Şage, James Saunoris, Joel Schoenhals, Hannah Seidel, Rita Shah, Ebrahim K. Soltani, Macarthur Lamar Stewart, Christina Topolewski, Audrey Viguier, and Shu Wang.**

### Of Note

- EMU's **Upward Bound** program received a grant renewal that will allow the program to continue serving Ypsilanti students through the 2026-2027 academic year. The University will receive more than **\$2 million** to provide academic tutoring and programming, career and college counseling and community engagement to students in Ypsilanti for the next five years. EMU Upward Bound works collaboratively with Ypsilanti Community High School during the school year and provides a month-long residential camp during the summer for its students that includes workshops, college trips and college coursework.
- Eastern has received **\$1 million in additional funding** from the **Windgate Foundation** to help construct a new **3D Arts Complex** in the School of Art and Design. This new gift comes after a \$2.2 million investment from the Foundation last year. The funds are part of a challenge grant and matching gift agreement between the Foundation and the University. The estimated 24,000 sq. ft. facility will be constructed on the northwest corner of campus as a major expansion to the University's current Sculpture Studio. It is scheduled for completion by the end of 2023.
- EMU professors **Cory Emal** and **Gregg Wilmes** from the **Fermentation Science** program are collaborating with **Midtown Detroit, Inc., Smith & Co. Detroit,** and **Nain Rouge Brewery** on a Detroit-based training school to offer underrepresented students an opportunity to break into the brewery industry. Participants will have hands-on practical training in skills like brewing, packaging, inventory, canning, and marketing for entry-level positions.
- The new **Digital Divas TV show** "The Future of Me", an insightful exploration of women role models in the industry who are breaking barriers and paving the way for young girls interested in STEM careers, premiered on the Michigan Learning Channel, Detroit Public TV channel 56.5.



- **Engage@EMU** has partnered with **Wayne Westland School District** to welcome nearly 700 fifth graders and expose students to various career paths. The **Wayne Westland Excursion Camp** will offer hands on projects related to their chosen careers.
- EMU will provide **Second Chance Pell Grants** to incarcerated students at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility and the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan, allowing them to enroll in courses leading to bachelor's degrees on-site at the correctional institutions. Eastern's involvement in the program is led by **Beth Currans**, administrator of the College in Prison program and department head and associate professor of Women's and Gender Studies, and her collaborator **Decky Alexander**, director of Engage@EMU and professor of Educational/Applied Theatre.
- **Ryan Evely Gildersleeve** has been named as the new Dean of the **College of Education**. He will join Eastern on July 16.
- After graduating from the EMU **Aviation** program and commissioning as a naval officer from the University of Michigan's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), alumnus **Christian "Griff" Frasher** landed a dream job as a naval aviator fighter pilot climbing the ranks to Lieutenant Commander. Recently, the Navy pilot added another title to his resume as Tom Cruise's body double in the hit film "Top Gun: Maverick."

## Events

- The **EMU Foundation** and the **Hundley Foundation** will host events July 8-9 that will benefit the mission of both foundations. Attendees will join EMU officials, athletes, and celebrities, including one of HISTORY's favorite Pawn Stars, **Rick Harrison**, owner of the World Famous Gold & Silver Pawn Shop in Las Vegas, and Baltimore Ravens quarterback **Brett Hundley**, chairman of the Hundley Foundation.
- **Toni Pressley-Sanon**, associate professor of **Africology and African American Studies** will conduct educational activity as part of the college's Juneteenth celebration on June 20. She will discuss her semester-long course, Global Dimensions of Racism, which focuses on making connections between Africa and the diaspora.
- The Department of **Africology and African American Studies** will host a **Juneteenth commemorative lecture** via Zoom on June 19. **Mark Fancher**, staff attorney for ACLU's Racial Justice Project, is the special guest speaker.
- The **WEMU** team will dedicate a memorial garden on June 17 in honor of Lisa Barry, radio host and reporter. The garden will be located on the west side of King Hall.

- To help broaden the understanding of the African American experience and celebrate past and present accomplishments, lecturers **Micala Evans** and **Imelda Hunt** of the Department of **Africology and African American Studies** presented **Curators of our Art: A Juneteenth Celebration** at the Plymouth District Library on June 9 and at the Way Public Library in Perrysburg, Ohio, on June 15.
- **University Archives** hosted its first **Memory Swap** — an event to assist the community in documenting and preserving their histories. The **EMU Aerie**, the Archives' mobile oral history recording booth and a portable digital scanning station was stationed at the Riverside Arts Center to gather and preserve oral histories on June 5.
- The **Center for Jewish Studies** has been a staple on the University's campus, serving as a focus for crucial dialogue and education. To celebrate the Center's decade-long anniversary and honor founder and EMU professor Martin Shichtman's retirement, the Center hosted a celebration on May 24.
- Thirteen EMU teams and more than 750 community members participated in the **2022 Washtenaw County Heart Walk** at Rynearson Stadium on May 14.
- On April 27, **EMU Dining** sponsored "**Grate-Ful**," a nationwide event designed to celebrate gratitude for Earth, fight food waste, and advance sustainability on college campuses. Chartwells also collaborated with several of its national supply partners to provide 50,000 "Packed with Purpose" bags for donations to local food pantries across the country.

## Athletics

- Eastern student-athletes earned an **average GPA of 3.234** for the winter semester. **60 student-athletes posted perfect 4.0 GPAs** and 70 percent of student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or higher for the semester.
- Baseball (Men): **Matt Kirk** was named **MAC Player of the Year**, earned **All-MAC First Team** honors and **All-MAC Defensive Team** honors. **Daniel Warkentin** earned **All-MAC Second Team** honors.
- Baseball (Men): **Daniel Warkentin** earned **Academic All-District** honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America.
- Basketball (Men): **Derek Ballard Jr.**, **Yusuf Jihad**, and **Darion Spottsville** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.
- Cross Country (Women): **Lexi Seifert** has been awarded the **MAC Medal of Excellence** for demonstrating excellence academically, athletically, and through service and leadership.

- **Football (Men):** After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the EMU football team welcomed the return of one of its best and most impactful traditions on May 25, as it hosted **Victory Day** at Rynearson Stadium. The event welcomed cognitive and physically impaired community members to take part in a day of football with players, coaches, and staff.
- **Football (Men):** **Taylor Powell** earned an invitation to serve as a camp counselor at the prestigious **Manning Passing Academy** in June.
- **Golf (Women):** **Natai Apichonlati, Olivia Loberg, Anna Watson, Sophie Wygonik, and Paige Zolciak** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.
- **Golf (Women):** **Anna Watson** earned **Second Team All-MAC** honors.
- **Golf (Men):** **Ty Celone, Cougar Collins, Zack Mason, MJ Smith, and Max Watson** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.
- **Golf (Men):** **Ty Celone** earned **Second Team All-MAC** honors.
- **Gymnastics (Women):** **Raisa Boris, Haydn Crossen, Cali Harden, Shannon Gregory, Jordan Jankowski, Ann Grace McCullough, Molly Parris, Caitlin Sadler, and Mickayla Stuckey** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.
- **Rowing (Women):** **The Eagles placed third overall in the Colonial Athletic Association Championships. Emma Boersen and Chloe Hinojosa** were named to the **All-CAA Team**.
- **Swim & Dive (Women):** **Lainie Bell, Bethany Berger, Savannah Fisk, Tierney Fraidenburg, Kelsi Hill, Riley Hofmann, Carlin Hudson, Camryn Hughes, Anabelle Rosen-Hurley, Katie Shoen, Ali Staver, Keira Veltigian, Abigail Wenger, Abbey Whipple, and Hannah White** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.
- **Tennis (Women):** **Vasavi Ganesan, Emma-Lou Pommiers, Isabella Popma, and Grace Whitney** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.
- **Tennis (Women):** **Luisa Pelayo** was honored with the **Leann Grimes Davidge Sportsmanship Award** and **Prerna Vichare** earned **Second Team All-MAC** honors.
- **Track & Field Indoor (Women):** **Miranda Cadwell, Brenna Cavanaugh, Tiffany Cernej-Garcia, Kadian Clarke, Esme Davies, Mair Edwards, Keypathwa Gibson, Kilani Harvey, Maura Lane, Alisha St. Louis, Alysse Wade, Nina Ward, and Chevonne Wheeler** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.

- Track & Field Outdoor (Women): **Miranda Cadwell, Brenna Cavanaugh, Tiffany Cernej-Garcia, Kadian Clarke, Esme Davies, Mair Edwards, Keypathwa Gibson, Elise Gregory, Kilani Harvey, Morgan Iverson, Lexi Seifert, Alisha St. Louis, Alysse Wade, Nina Ward, and Chevonne Wheeler** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.
- Track & Field Outdoor (Women): **Mair Edwards, Keypatha Gibson, Kilani Harvey, and Saraiah Walkes** earned **First Team All-MAC** honors. **Kadian Clarke** earned **Second Team All-MAC** honors.
- Track & Field Outdoor (Women): **Mair Edwards, Keypathwa Gibson, Kilani Harvey, and Saraiah Walkes** placed first in the 4x100 Relay at the **MAC Outdoor Championships**. **Mair Edwards** won the 400m title. Second places were earned by **Kilani Harvey** in the 100m and **Mair Edwards** in the 200m.
- Track & Field (Men): **Taige Bryant** has been awarded the **MAC Medal of Excellence** for demonstrating excellence academically, athletically, and through service and leadership.
- Track & Field Indoor (Men): **Taige Bryant, Chukwusom Enekwechi, Derek Jones, Kyle Martin, and Kaleb Simpson** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.
- Track & Field Outdoor (Men): **Ronald Brandal, Solomon Costa, Joe Duff, Chukwusom Enekwechi, Toby Gualter, Josh Hill, Baldvin Magnussen, Kyle Martin, Kaleb Simpson, Linus Vennemann, and Eddie Zeurcher** earned **Academic All-MAC** honors.
- Track & Field Outdoor (Men): **Joe Duff, Baldvin Magnussen** and **Almighty Williamson** earned **First Team All-MAC** honors. **Chukwusom Enekwechi, Ousman Kamara, Dante Lander, Baboucar Sallah-Mohammed, and Payne Wylie** were named **Second Team All-MAC**.
- Track & Field Outdoor (Men): **Baldvin Magnussen** placed first in the 10,000m, 5000m and 1500m events at the **MAC Outdoor Championships**, with **Toby Gualter** and **Chris Devaney** placing third and fourth respectively. **Joe Duff** captured the Javelin title. **Baboucar Sallah-Mohammed** placed second in the Long Jump and **Chukwusom Enekwechi** placed second in the Shot Put. **Almighty Williamson** and **Payne Wylie** placed first and second respectively in the 110 Hurdles. Second places were earned by **Dante Lander** in the 400 Hurdles, **Ousman Kamara** in the High Jump, and **Chukwusom Enekwechi** in the Discus.
- Track & Field Outdoor (Men): **Baldvin Magnussen** was named Most Valuable Performer at the **MAC Outdoor Championships** and Most Outstanding Track Performer for the season.

- Former EMU punter **Jake Julien** has signed a free agent contract with the New England Patriots. Former EMU tight end **Thomas Odukoya** has been selected for the International Player Pathway program with the Tennessee Titans.

Chair Jeffries reminded attendees that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022. She called for any further business to be brought before the Board. There being none, Regent Beagen made a motion to adjourn. Regent Ford seconded to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicki Reaume  
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents