

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
August 24, 2022

These are the proposed minutes of the August 24, 2022 Board of Regents special board meeting.

The special meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Eunice Jeffries at 9:00 a.m., via zoom and live-streamed.

The Board members present were: Regent Dennis Beagen, Regent Michelle Crumm, Regent Nathan Ford, Regent Mike Hawks, Regent Eunice Jeffries and Regent Jessie Kimbrough Marshall (via Zoom).

The Board members absent were: Regent Chad Newton and Regent Alex Simpson.

There was a quorum.

Section S

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Regent Hawks moved and Regent Crumm seconded that the Board of Regents approve thirty-one (31) staff appointments for the reporting period May 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022: Keshia Blanton, Cameron Dietz, Taver Johnson, Megan Miles, Stephen Schram, Sara Tisdale, Alicia Harrison, Drew Samson, Lorraine Walsh, Jessica Ashley, Elizabeth Cole, Ryan Gildersleeve, Kimberly Hewitt, Jacob Keary, Daniel Kelly, Craig Martin, Isamaria Ramirez, Stephine Sawicki, Nicholas Smith, Wayne Smith, Kelly Baritche, Alexander Colarossi, Maleana Annabel, Joshua Hakala, Deanna Kowaleski, Cari Neubrand, Alyssa Rodriguez, Alexander Ryan, Catherine Shafran, Nicole Binkowski and Kristian Burns.

Motion Carried

Section T

STAFF SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Regent Crumm moved and Regent Ford seconded that the Board of Regents approve twenty-nine (29) separations and retirements for the reporting period May 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022: Andrew Kang, Anika Awai-Williams, Anthony Chambers, Ayana Barnes, Benjamin Herman, Brian Overholt, Christine Kim, Diane Reynolds, Donna Carcone, Emily Mills, Emily Sprague, Eric Gerbens, Eric Jones, Erin Burdis, Fredrick Reed, Jayson Wiseman, Jenifer Naughton, Jennifer Glass, Kaisha Excell, Matthew Pettigrew, Matthew Schanke, Mia Bass, Morgan Gott, Nancy Oestrike, Nicholas Sekerak, Sandra Mroz, Seth Thomsen, Shalonda Harris Casanova and Taylor Davis.

Motion Carried

Section U

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMU AND UAW LOCAL 1975

Regent Ford moved and Regent Crumm seconded that the Board of Regents approve the recently negotiated collective bargaining agreement between Eastern Michigan University and UAW Local 1975 (Clerical and Secretarial unit) and authorize the President to execute the Agreement on its behalf.

Motion Carried

Section V

WAGE REOPENER AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMU AND THE EMU FEDERATION OF TEACHERS PART-TIME LECTURERS UNIT (EMUFT)

Regent Crumm moved and Regent Beagen seconded that the Board of Regents approve the recently negotiated wage reopener between Eastern Michigan University and the EMU Federation of Teachers Part-Time Lecturers bargaining unit (EMUFT) and authorize the President to execute the Agreement on its behalf.

Motion Carried

Section W

WAGE REOPENER AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMU AND THE EMU FEDERATION OF TEACHERS FULL-TIME LECTURERS UNIT (EMUFT)

Regent Beagen moved and Regent Crumm seconded that the Board of Regents approve the recently negotiated wage reopener between Eastern Michigan University and the EMU Federation of Teachers Full-Time Lecturers bargaining unit (EMUFT) and authorize the President to execute the Agreement on its behalf.

Motion Carried

President Smith made the following remarks:

Madam Chair and Distinguished Members of the Board of Regents:

I know I speak for most people at the University when I share my excitement for the start of the new school year. Most of our first-year residential students will start to move in tomorrow – and I am looking forward to visiting with our new students, parents, and families as I visit residence halls tomorrow.

I'll be in great company too – Swoop will join me as we make the rounds. While many students and parents enjoy meeting the President – I can tell you that the thrill of meeting Swoop is a much, much greater experience!

We have much to celebrate as we begin the academic year. This includes, Welcome Home 2025 – the construction of new residence halls underway this fall, and the renovation to all other residence halls. Our outstanding faculty, instructors and support staff are ready to support our students in every way possible. Our students' success is the ultimate goal in all that we do.

It is also a time to celebrate our diversity – and the global classroom experience that Eastern Michigan provides our students. At Eastern, our students experience the interactions and the diversity of cultures in the work world they will enter when they graduate.

Please join me in acknowledging our labor partners in the clerical and secretarial unit, as well as the part-time and full-time lecturers' units for their work with the University administration in reaching the new labor agreements that were approved today. The employees covered by the agreements are highly valued and important to the University. I thank you for all you do to make the University better.

This is indeed an exciting time of the year, and an exciting time to be an Eagle!

Thank you, Chair Jeffries.

Chair Jeffries reminded attendees that the next general board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022. She 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 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicki Reaume
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents