

BOARD OF REGENTS

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 15
DATE: November 14, 2006

RECOMMENDATION

MONTHLY REPORT STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for November 14, 2006 and the Minutes of September 19, 2006 be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

At the September 19, 2006 meeting the Student Affairs Committee received the Annual Fall Start Up Report and New Student Center Update as well as statements from the Student Leader Group regarding the faculty strike, changes in the Board of Regents meeting times, and inclusion of gender identity and expression in EMU's anti-discrimination policies.

The November 14, 2006 agenda includes the 2006-07 Student Leader Group priorities, statements concerning the College Place Project and Smoke Free Campus, further discussion of inclusion of gender identity and expression in the University's anti-discrimination policies, and an update on the opening of the New Student Center.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive Officer

Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, November 14, 2006
1:45 p.m.

Agenda

Room 201
Welch Hall

1. Approval of September 19, 2006 Meeting Minutes
2. Gender Identity and Expression
3. College Place Project
4. Smoke Free Campus
5. Student Center Update
6. Announcements
7. Other

Regent Clack
Emily Vincent
Daniel Cicchini
Daniel Cicchini
Casetta Brown

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EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 19, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Regents: Floyd Clack

Administration: Jim Vick, Glenna Frank Miller, Gregory Peoples

Students: Nadir J. Akbar, Casetta Brown, Daniel Cicchini, Casey Jordan, Christopher Leonard, Jeff May, Baljit Singh Puri, Allison Sheppard, Jasmine Tolbert, Greg Varnum, Emily Vincent

GUESTS

Regents: Joseph Antonini, Jan Brandon

Administration: Carin Barber, Jill Anne Bauer, Alan Beasley, Noah Borton, Kate Brindle, Elizabeth Broughton, David Carroll, Peg Carter, George Cole, Carlos Costa, Mary Jo Desprez, Kevin Devine, John A. Fallon, Rebecca Figura, Lynette Findley, Larry Gates, Ellen Gold, James Green, Cindy Hall, Peggy Harless, Bob Heighes, Freman Hendrix, Steve Holda, Marcus Jackson, Jeff Koras, Jackie Kurtz, Bernice Lindke, Jim Locke, Mary Sue Marz, Cathie McClure, David Mielke, Tamara Miller, Ward Mullens, Jeff Nesmith, Sarah Kersey Otto, Stephanie Percy, Ron Podell, Ken Ruppel, Abe Sargent, Lewis Savage, Connie Schaffer, Chris Shell, Susan Sohn, Jason Taylor, Kathy Walz, Gretchen Ward, Paul Dean Webb, Kathryn Wilhoff, Kay Woodiel

Students: Chris Beyer, Christopher Bylone, Jenny Lee, Jeremiah Richardson, Manjunatha Subbaiah

Press: Andrew Cipolla (Echo), Geoff Larcom (Ann Arbor News)

Regent Clack convened the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Minutes of the June 20, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

Introduction of New Member

Regent Clack welcomed Jasmine Tolbert who replaces Hodan Said as the Students of Color Representative.

Annual Fall Start Up Report

Glenna Frank Miller, Director of McKenny Union, Campus Life and Diversity Programs provided the annual Fall Start Up Report which highlighted a number of first week activities including Freshman Orientation and Residence Hall Move-In. The report also discussed changes made as a result of recommendations provided at last year's debrief, enhancements for future programs, and a look ahead to several major fall semester events. Ombudsman Gregory Peoples read an email from the parent of a freshman student commending EMU, its staff and the New Student Orientation Assistants for providing an outstanding Orientation experience.

AAUP Negotiations

Student Body President Daniel Cicchini read a statement of behalf of the Student Leader Group in response to the faculty strike asking that the "faculty and administration work towards ensuring that a respectful atmosphere is maintained for future students, faculty and staff" and requesting that a

"comprehensive service be established to inform students as to the status of their courses" in the event of a future strike.

Gender Identity and Expression

Student Body Vice President Emily Vincent read a statement on behalf of the Student Leader Group, once again asking the Board of Regents to include Gender Identity and Expression in the University's anti-discrimination policies and encouraging Regents to contact them with questions, concerns or opinions in order to establish an open dialogue about the subject. RHA President Allison Sheppard also provided a statement urging Regents to act on this request and LGBT Representative Greg Varnum stated that he is looking forward to the opportunity for dialogue with the Regents about the policy change.

Student Leader Group Priorities

Daniel Cicchini reported that the Student Leader Group is developing its list of priorities for the year; it will be presented to the Board at the November meeting.

Board of Regents Meeting Time Change

Commuter Student Association President Nadir J. Akbar read a statement raising concern that the Board of Regents changed its meeting times without input from the campus constituencies affected.

New Student Center Update

Campus Life Council Representative Casetta Brown and Daniel Cicchini presented an update on the new Student Center and reported that seven Student Leader Groups have been involved in the project since its inception. Over 700 bookings have been made to date. Grand Opening ceremonies are scheduled to begin with a Ribbon Cutting at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 6 and will continue all week. The Student Center Dedication is scheduled Friday, November 17.

Other

- Emily Vincent extended an open invitation to attend the Student Senate meeting, September 19, 2006, 6:30 p.m. in Walton-Putnam Lounge.
- Glenna Frank Miller congratulated Eastern Michigan University on being named by The Advocate magazine as one of the top 100 universities providing a welcoming environment for LGBT students. Greg Varnum indicated this designation further affirms the decision by his partner to attend EMU.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L. Papp
Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary