

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**RECOMMENDATION****HONORARY EMERITUS STATUS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE****ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents grant Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service to two former academic leaders: Dr. Jerry H. Robbins who served from 1991-2004 as Dean of the College of Education and Professor of Educational Leadership; and Dr. Alvin E. Rudisill, who served at EMU from 1980-1991 as the first dean when the College of Technology was created in 1980.

STAFF SUMMARY

According to University policy, retiring employees who have served the University for less 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.

Both Dr. Robbins and Dr. Rudisill provided outstanding leadership as college deans that resulted in extraordinary growth and development of their respective colleges. During their tenure as deans, both Dr. Robbins and Dr. Rudisill served the University broadly and contributed significantly to the advancement of the institution.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

University Executive ~~Officer~~
Provost and Executive Vice President

Date

Dr. Jerry H. Robbins, Ed.D.

(Served EMU over 14 years)

Dr. Jerry H. Robbins served from 1991-2004 as Dean of the College of Education and Professor of Educational Leadership. During his fourteen year tenure at EMU, Jerry led the College of Education at a time of outstanding growth and accomplishment. The college's enrollments grew to an all-time high, sponsored projects and fund-raising efforts grew significantly, and the college was successfully reaccredited by NCATE three times. Nationally, Jerry held significant leadership roles, including serving as president of several professional associations.

Dr. Alvin E. Rudisill, Ed.D.

(Served EMU 11 years)

Dr. Alvin E. Rudisill served at EMU from 1980-1991 as the first dean of the newly created College of Technology. Working with the faculty, he provided leadership in the design, development, and implementation of eighteen new undergraduate and graduate programs in information and technology areas. He was instrumental in the design and development of the corporate services division, the unit that evolved into the Center for Corporate Training, and served as the leader of that division in addition to his position as dean of the college. Dr. Rudisill served as President of the International Technology Education Association and held several other offices in national associations.