

# **BOARD OF REGENTS**

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

SECTION: 5
DATE: February 17, 2009

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **MONTHLY REPORT & MINUTES STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for February 17, 2009 and the Minutes of November 18, 2008 be received and placed on file.

#### **STAFF SUMMARY**

At the November 18, 2008 meeting the Student Affairs Committee received an update on the Student Leader Group's 2008-09 priorities and presentations on the new Student Organization Late Night Events procedure and the new Academic Advising "Dual Model" initiative.

The February 17, 2009 agenda includes a progress report on the Student Leader Group priorities related to Academic Advising/Graduation Audit and Athletics, a Student Government Lansing update, and reports on Black History Month, Alternative Breaks, and the MLK Day Celebration.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

Bernice A. Lindke  
University Executive Officer

February 12, 2009  
Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Board of Regents  
Student Affairs Committee

Tuesday, February 17, 2009  
1:45 p.m.

Agenda

Room 201  
Welch Hall

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| 1. Approval of November 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes   | Regent Hawks   |
| 2. Student Leader Group Priority Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academic Advising &amp; Graduation Audit</li><li>• Athletics</li></ul> | Angela Baugher<br>Lauren Flaum                       |
| 3. Black History Month Report  | Charnessa Paige/<br>Phylicia Wilford/<br>Jasmine Lee |
| 4. Alternative Breaks Report   | Peggy Harless/<br>Lauren Allmayer/<br>Tiffany Sims   |
| 5. Lansing Update  | Rob Kull   |
| 6. MLK Day Celebration Report  | Greg Peoples/<br>Jasmine Lee/<br>Will Bowen          |
| 7. Announcements   |  |
| 8. Other   |  |

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
Board of Regents  
**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of November 18, 2008

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Regents: Floyd Clack

Administration: Bernice Lindke, Glenna Frank Miller, Gregory Peoples

Students: Rob Kull, Steve LaChance, Adam Slingwein, Jasmine Stock, Brandon Taylor, Ryan Wilson

**GUESTS**

Administration: Meredith Blaine, Noah Borton, Caroline Brackette, Dave Carroll, Shalonda Casanova, Meg Castro, George Cole, Carlos Costa, Alvin Dumas, Brian Fitzgerald, Larry Gates, Melissa Ginotti, Ellen Gold, Peggy Harless, Jesús Hernández, Cyndi Jones, Ann Klaes, Mary Larkin, Lisa Lauterbach, Kevin Lawson, Cathie McClure, Christina McMurphy, Jeff Nesmith, Greg O'Dell, Nicholas Rachowicz, Lewis Savage, Cynthia Van Pelt, Kathleen Walz, Gretchen Ward, Molly Weir, Patricia Williams, Kay Woodiel

Students: Vanessa Claus, Arthur Hampton, Katie Musick, Andrew Pettee, Deepak Sharma, Kyle Sutherland, Karen Travis

Regent Clack convened the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Minutes of the September 16,, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

**Student Organization Special Events Policy**

Melissa Ginotti, director of Campus Life, Carlos Costa, Student Center director and Brandon Taylor, Commuter Student representative presented the new Student Organization Special Events policy which provides a clear and consistently applied set of guidelines and expectations for the management of student organization special events based on a risk management approach. The policy was developed by a task force appointed by the vice president for Student Affairs in the summer of 2008 and will be implemented at the beginning of the winter 2009 semester. The policy will be reviewed at the end of the winter semester and appropriate modifications will be recommended. Steve LaChance, Inter-Fraternity Council president thanked the task force for its work but expressed concern that the policy will create hurdles for student organizations, particularly those that lack funding to pay for Public Safety officers. University Ombudsman Greg Peoples thanked the task force for providing a comprehensive policy that provides a safe environment for student organization special events. A motion was made by Jasmine Stock and seconded by Adam Slingwein to endorse the policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Student Leader Group 2008-09 Priorities**

The Student Affairs Committee received additional details on the Student Leader Group's 2008-2009 priorities, with particular focus on: streamlining the credit hour and fee structure; improving facilities and Lansing relationships, developing a marketing & branding campaign to make EMU's non-

discrimination policy more visible, revising the outdoor advertising policy, expanding student employment opportunities, building pride for athletic programs, marketing the North Lot as a “green” lot and providing incentives to park there, improving academic advising, increasing recycling efforts, developing proactive planning for campus visitors and securing additional funding for club sports.

### **Academic Advising Initiative Update**

Patricia Williams and Molly Weir, Academic Advising Center director and associate director respectively, provided an update on the new “Dual Model” Academic Advising format. The model’s purpose is to respond to the needs of students by providing them with a faculty advisor in their major and an Academic Advising Center advisor who will focus on general education requirements, academic policy, and registration procedures. Steve LaChance expressed the Student Leader Group’s excitement with the new advising format, which will help to respond to their on-going concern with the academic advising process at EMU.

### **Announcements**

- None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Teri L. Papp*

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