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BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

HONORARY EMERITUS STATUS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE (Posthumously)

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents grant Honorary Emeritus Status for Meritorious Service to one former academic leader: Dr. Joseph F. Pollack who served from August 25, 1997 as Director of Charter Schools.

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.

Dr. Joseph F. Pollack provided outstanding leadership to Eastern Michigan University's Charter Schools Office and the academies within his purview. He oversaw the establishment of eight University-authorized charter schools and provided continual support and direction to each school. During his tenure with the University, Dr. Pollack transformed the Charter Schools Office into a University "Center of Excellence."

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

12-04-09

Date

Dr. Joseph F. Pollack

(Served EMU over 12 years)

Dr. Joseph F. Pollack served Eastern Michigan University from 1997 – 2009 as director of the Charter Schools Office. In this position, he oversaw the establishment of eight charter schools located in southeast Michigan. Under his leadership, these schools have become models of educational success in their communities. Dr. Pollack believed that charter schools offered “high quality” educational options to those of modest means. He was instrumental in the formation of the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers (The Council) as a means of strengthening charter schools and their oversight. In addition, Dr. Pollack held leadership positions with various state and national organizations whose focus is on improving the educational outcomes of all public school students. In recognition of his contributions to education, one of our charter schools has recently changed its name to the *“Dr. Joseph F. Pollack Academic Center of Excellence.”*