

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 4
DATE: September 21, 2010

RECOMMENDATION

MONTHLY REPORT & MINUTES
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for September 21, 2010 and the Minutes of April 20, 2010 be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

At the April 20, 2010 meeting the Committee received a report on the Student Intervention Team, a demonstration the new Interaction Campus Map developed by the Center for Geospatial Research and Campus Life, and the Student Body President's year-end wrap up.

The September 21, 2010 agenda includes introduction of new members, the annual fall start-up report, the 2010-11 Student Leader Group Priorities, and a report on recent Housing, Dining and Student Center enhancements.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

Bernice A. Lindke
University Executive Officer

9-13-10
Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 21, 2010
1:45 p.m.

Agenda

Room 201
Welch Hall

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| 1. Approval of April 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes | Regent Hawks |
| 2. Introduction of New Members | Bernice Lindke |
| 3. Annual Fall Start-Up Report | Ayanna McConnell/BJ Selfridge |
| 4. 2010-11 Student Leader Group Priorities | SLG Members |
| 5. Housing, Dining and Student Center Enhancements | Rebecca Figura/Larry Gates/
Carlos Costa |
| 6. Announcements | |

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
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STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of April 20, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Regents: Gary Hawks, Floyd Clack

Administration: Bernice Lindke, Glenna Frank Miller, Gregory Peoples

Students: Holly Grunn, Regina Royan, Brian Taylor, Ryan Wilson

GUESTS

Administration: Oscar Alcaine, Meredith Blaine, Noah Borton, David Carroll, Jayne Carroll, Carlos Costa, Deb deLaski-Smith, Kevin Devine, Shaftone Dunklin, James Gallaher, Larry Gates, Melissa Ginotti, Ellen Gold, Erica Healander, Bob Heighes, Jesús Hernández, Ann Klaes, Brian Kulpa, Mary Larkin, Lisa Lauterbach, Kevin Lawson, John Lumm, Susan Martin, Daniel Mathis, Cathie McClure, Adam Meyer, Greg Millard, Jeff Nesmith, Greg O'Dell, Sarah Kersey Otto, Carl Powell, Nicholas Rachowicz, Jeremiah Richardson, Gretchen Sanchez, Lewis Savage, Chris Shell, Amy Simonson, Cynthia Van Pelt, Gretchen Ward, Kay Woodiel, Ron Woody

Students: Kenneth Frierson, Kirk Howard, Katie Musick, Yiman Song, Paul Wojdacz

Regent Hawks convened the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

Student Intervention Team

Jesús Hernández, director, Student Conduct and Community Standards was joined by Lisa Lauterbach, director, Counseling and Psychology Services in presenting an overview of the Student Intervention Team. The team's main objective is to identify behavioral trends on campus, and serve as an intervention tool for students who are beginning to show signs of concern, stress, or other behavioral issues that may lead to serious academic or disciplinary consequences. A focus on open communication, collaboration and a proactive approach are highlights of the team. The Student Intervention Team has representatives from University Housing, Ombudsman, Counseling and Psychological Services, Department of Public Safety, University Health Services, Student Conduct and Community Standards, Disability Resource Center, Faculty Senate, Legal Affairs and Campus Life. They will continue to work on developing strategies focused on education and training of the university community, the use of technology to formalize a reporting process, and build upon key relationships.

Geographic Information Systems: Interactive Campus Map

Melissa Ginotti, director of Campus Life and graduate student Yiman Song provided a demonstration of the Interactive Campus Map developed by the Center for Geospatial Research and Campus Life. This tool will assist with the way-finding needs of commuters and our growing adult and transfer new student populations, faculty, staff, guests and prospective students and families. The EMU interactive campus map orients members of the campus community and our guests to the locations of facilities, services, and people at EMU, using accessibility, accuracy, usability and flexibility as its guiding principles.

Year End Review

Student Body President Regina Royan provided a Year End Wrap-Up of Student Government and Student Leader Group initiatives. A copy of her report is appended to these minutes. Regent Hawks commented that the student leaders can take great pride in their accomplishments this year and he wished them well in the future.

Other

Vice President Lindke introduced the new student body president, Antonio Cosme, and vice president, Muayad Mahmoud.

The Student Affairs Committee recognized Dr. Kay Woodiel, director of Diversity of Community Involvement, who is returning to the faculty in the fall and expressed its appreciation for her tremendous work on behalf of EMU's students.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary

In the 2009 -2010 academic year, Student Government and Student Leader Group have reshaped the perception of student engagement on university decision making in an unprecedented way. The following significant accomplishments demonstrate Student Leader Group and Student Governments Commitment to EMU and the long term benefit of its students.

Both myself and the student body vice president took positions on the University Budget Council after our swearing-in in April. Along with the lowest tuition increase in the state we were very pleased to accept an increase to our own annual budget. We are putting these funds to good use by providing increased financial support to student organizations and club sports as well as making some strategic planning for future projects that we would like to tackle including the expansion of Library Hours.

Student Government co-sponsored America Engages the World with Ambassador Thomas Miller, an event that kicked off the new International Affairs program at EMU.

Our summer was also filled by the planning of a brand new retreat for student organization leaders called SURGE. The purpose of this one-day intensive retreat was to provide a forum for student leaders to network and collaborate as well as to share successful methods of developing our organizations. In partnership with campus life I am proud to say that the conference was student lead and organized. We had phenomenal participation; over 100 student leaders from a broad spectrum of organizations attended. We also welcomed guests Susan Martin and Ron English as well as other staff members to help get us pumped up for the fall.

With advice and input from many students, staff, the retention council and others EMU's first Student Bill of Rights was passed unanimously by the Senate and was approved by the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents on September 22nd.

Executive board members serve a powerful voice year long for students in the meetings where significant University decisions are made. Representatives from Student Government have served on administrative search committees, the University Budget Council, the Retention Council, the Safety and Oversight Committee, the Parking Committee, Homecoming, and the Security Advisor and Advocacy Committee to name a few.

Dave Webster on behalf of the Student Advisory Council presented a white paper regarding the current compensation for Graduate Assistants and Doc Fellows. Eastern Michigan had fallen drastically behind that of it's peer institutions and other MAC institutions. The paper had three proposals put together by the Graduate School Council that would address different areas of compensation and bring our university more in line with our benchmark institutions. The first proposal recommended increasing the stipend portion (or take home pay) by 10%. The

second proposal addressed a program fee award to cover the fees not currently absorbed by Graduate Assistant compensation. The third proposal would provide scholarship funds to assist with health insurance expenses, but would also be able to be used for other expenses as the recipient saw fit. The SAC made a motion to present these three proposals to the Budget Council.

The University community came together in October and February for the Late Night Breakfast to kick off the midterms edition of Club Halle. Faculty and staff served students a complete breakfast, while student government took the opportunity to raise awareness about the initiative.

Chelsea Martin and I presented the preliminary results of the fall semester trials of Club Halle to the Board of Regents on October 20th and February 16th, and were encouraged by the amount of support from both the Board and university administration. We are very optimistic that there will be permanent funding for this necessary resource.

We were pleased to host Governor Jennifer Granholm on November 23rd to rally support for higher education and the Michigan Promise Scholarship. It is thrilling to see that the scholarship has been reinstated and that the governor has proposed no cuts to higher education funding in the next fiscal year.

The Political Action Committee has led several lobbying days in Lansing, articulating our support for Higher Education funding, the Michigan Promise Scholarship, and medical amnesty for universities. PAC also hosted a very successful dialogue regarding concealed weapons on university campuses, and have also voiced these concerns to Michigan Legislators. In March, they hosted a panel on the legalization and criminalization of marijuana. This fostered some lively discussion on a infrequently discussed topic.

The Student Relations Committee co-sponsored a letter-writing campaign with the Veteran Student Association on Veteran's day to support fellow EMU students serving abroad. The event was a huge success, and we hope that it becomes an annual program.

Jess Mulcahy and Holly Grunn reported that the Women's Center has been in operation for 20 years. Over this time the center has helped countless people, but yet there is no permanent coordinator position. Without a coordinator there has been no continuity and sustainability has been difficult. Testimonials from those that have been helped throughout the years, along with numbers served, have proven the need for a permanent staff position. We hope to see this position funded in the next fiscal year.

Lauren Senft made a presentation regarding accessibility issues on campus, specifically those associated with entering The Commons Dining Facility. We hope to see wheelchair accessibility to this building in the immediate future.

While this is not a complete recollection of the accomplishments of these two organizations for the year, it is indicative of the commitment and dedication to EMU we have exemplified this year. As president, I feel that we have surpassed many expectations (even some of our own) with the success of our initiatives and I know I speak for the body when I say we wish Antonio and the next group the best of luck in the coming year.