

SECTION
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December 15, 2011

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**MONTHLY REPORT**  
**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for December 15, 2011 and the Minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting be received and placed on file.

**SUMMARY**

The primary items for the December 15, 2011 Educational Policies Committee meeting include: (1) Emeritus Faculty Status, (2) Emeritus Staff Status, (3) Academic Affairs Administrative/ Professional Appointments/Transfers, (4) Charter Schools Board of Director Appointments, (5) Program Deletions, (6) 2012 Provost's New Faculty Research Awards, (7) Winter 2012 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards, (8) Winter 2012 Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships, (9) Honorary Degree.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The fiscal impact of the actions taken is listed in the appropriate sections and in the Board minutes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

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University Executive Officer

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11/30/2011  
Date

# **EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

## **Board of Regents**

### **Educational Policies Committee**

December 15, 2011

2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

205 Welch Hall

### **AGENDA**

**Minutes** (*Regent Sidlik*)

**Monthly Report** (*James Carroll, Rhonda Longworth, David Woike*)

- A. University Objective #3 Program Sustainability
- B. University Objective #4 New Programs that Received Regents Support
- C. University Objectives #1 Retention and Graduation Rates
- D. Headcount and Enrollment Data

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Emeritus Faculty Recommendations (*Rhonda Longworth*)

Emeritus Staff Recommendations (*Rhonda Longworth*)

Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers (*David Woike*)

### **Regular Agenda Items**

Charter Schools Board of Director Appointments (*Malverne Winborne*)

Program Deletions (*Rhonda Longworth*)

2012 Provost's New Faculty Research Awards (*James Carroll III*)

Winter 2012 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards (*James Carroll III*)

Winter 2012 Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships (*James Carroll III*)

Honorary Degree (*Rhonda Longworth*)

### **Special Discussion Topic**

Advising (*Chris Foreman and Calvin McFarland*)

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS

**EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

October 18, 2011  
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
205 Welch Hall

**Attendees:** (seated at tables) C. Carroll, R. Longworth, Regent Parker, Regent Sidlik (Chair), D. Woike

**Guests:** (as signed in) A. Alvarez, D. deLaski-Smith, A. Dow, L. Findley, T. Fulton, R. George, R. Quiroz, R. Sipe

*Regent Sidlik* convened the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

**Report and Minutes (Section 9)**

*Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming*, requested that the Educational Policies Committees Agenda for October 18, 2011 and the Minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting be received and placed on file.

Dr. Longworth explained that a correction was made to the original draft of the September 20, 2011 minutes to reflect more detail requested by Regent Sidlik. Dr. Longworth explained that this is a new request by Regent Sidlik to keep Regents up to date on University goals and metrics as they applied to academics.

Program Sustainability Review was identified as one of the goals. James Carroll briefed the committee on the current status of this goal. The Division of Academic Affairs is reviewing 17 programs for the possibility of elimination, consolidation or continuation. Input on these programs has been gathered by the faculty, department heads/school directors and the college councils. The recommendations will then go to the Deans' Offices and then to the Provost's Office by November 1, 2011.

Dr. Carroll further explained that a second effort underway focuses on Strategic Growth Initiatives for new programs. All departments and schools were asked to submit simple, one-page white paper descriptions with proposals for enhanced or new programs. Fifty-five proposals were received, and they are currently being sorted and reviewed. The top proposals will be selected and those departments and faculty will be asked to make a more fully developed proposal for final consideration. Regent Sidlik emphasized the goal of this initiative was to increase students and faculty at EMU.

Regent Parker asked if the 17 programs being reviewed for elimination are being measured against set criteria. Dr. Longworth explained that yes, they are, according to the contractual process. Regent Parker asked if the 55 growth proposals are being evaluated for sustainability. Dr. Carroll explained that the growth proposals vary extensively, including interdisciplinary possibilities. Dr. Carroll stated that the target date for selecting the growth initiative programs is the end of the fall 2011 semester. Dr. Longworth added that some curricular programs such as the Physician's Assistant program are already moving forward. Regent Sidlik asked that Dr. Longworth provide the committee in future meetings a status update for all the new programs approved by the Regents in the past year.

Dr. Longworth continued with the report on the metrics requested by the Regents. Dr. Longworth shared the graduation, retention and probation rates at EMU as presented on the handout, "Monthly Report-Educational Policies Committee, October 18, 2011". She continued with the headcount data by reviewing the handout, "Supporting County Data". Regent Parker asked Dr. Longworth to look more into the new Oakland University extension campus in Macomb County. Regent Sidlik expressed his concerns with the loss in enrollment. Dr. Longworth explained that a significant amount of the total decline in enrollment occurred in the graduate school. She stated that several areas are working together to increase graduate student enrollment for Winter 2012.

Dr. Longworth moved on to the next item, personnel, by introducing the following handouts, “Personnel Actions/Impact on Budget” and “Breakout-Supporting Individual Data”. The October data revealed a net salary savings against budget of \$497,670.75 to date.

### **Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree (Section 10)**

*Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming,* recommended that the Board of Regents approve George Gervin, Professional Athlete and Founder of the George Gervin Youth Center, as Commencement Speaker at the Sunday, December 18, 2011 commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Education to Mr. Gervin.

### **Emeritus Faculty Status (Section 1)**

*Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming,* recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to two (2) former faculty members: Dr. Karen P. Sinclair, Professor of Anthropology, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology; and Dr. Fathi Sokkar, Professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management, Department of Computer Information Systems.

### **Emeritus Staff Status (Section 2)**

*Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming,* recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff Status to two (2) former staff members: Amelia S. Chan, Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs, College of Business; and Rebecca J. Figura, Director of Housing, Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

### **Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers (Section 3)**

*Dr. David Woike, Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs,* recommended that the Board of Regents approve four (4) Administrative/Professional transfers at the rank and effective date shown on the listing provided to the Board.

### **Academic Separations/Retirements (Section 4)**

*Dr. David Woike, Interim Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs,* recommended that the Board of Regents approve twenty-three (23) retirements and separations for the reporting period August 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

### **Committee Assignments and Follow-Up**

Rhonda Longworth:

- Progress Update for all new programs approved by the Regents in past year
- Oakland University-Macomb campus

Regent Sidlik thanked those in attendance, and adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robertta Goffeney, Administrative Secretary  
Academic Affairs