

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
October 18, 2011

These are the proposed minutes of the October 18, 2011 Board of Regents meeting.

The meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Wilbanks at 4:02 p.m. in Room 201, Welch Hall, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The Board members present were:

Regent Beth Fitzsimmons, Regent Michael Hawks, Regent Mike Morris, Vice Chair Francine Parker, Regent James Stapleton and Chair Roy Wilbanks.

Regent Floyd Clack and Regent Tom Sidlik were absent.

TAB A

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Reaume announced that three people requested to address the Board of Regents. Each speaker was given up to ten minutes to speak.

Jelani McGadney (Student Body President) – Matters of importance to the Student Body

Michelle Kuhar (Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Student Organization) – Benefits of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Program

Katie Holdgreve-Resendez and Amy Barnhart (Campus Life) – New Student Orientation Program

TAB B

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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Supporting Michigan students and their families in these challenging times continues to be a priority for Eastern Michigan University. I am pleased to present, for Board of Regents approval, a request for a 6.9 percent increase in the financial aid budget for 2012-2013. This will increase our financial support of students from the \$33.7 million currently, to just over \$36 million. This continues the trend we began four years ago as

the state's economic climate became increasingly challenging for students and their families. Over five years, we will have increased our financial aid budget by 68 percent (including the 6.9 percent proposed for FY13). We continue to evaluate our enrollment strategies for FTIACs, transfers, international and graduate students as we begin university-wide strategic planning for the future to ensure Eastern serves the citizens of Michigan who need a college degree for their future career in our state.

The increase in our financial aid commitment to students represents the latest evidence of our determined effort to support Michigan students and their families. We also have worked hard to keep costs down. Over the past three years, Eastern's overall increase in tuition averaged just 2.5 percent -- \$20 more per credit hour than three years ago -- the lowest increase of any university in Michigan. During the same three-year period, state funding support to Eastern has declined by \$14 million, from \$78.6 million three years ago to \$64.6 million this year, representing an 18-percent decrease in funding.

Our efforts to be responsive to the needs of the people of our state are recognized by government leaders in Lansing. We are hopeful it will result in support of our 2012-2013 Capital Outlay Request, which we are recommending for Board of Regents approval this afternoon. The estimated cost to renovate Strong Hall is \$40 million. If the Capital Outlay Request is approved, Eastern would be responsible for 25 percent or \$10 million.

Strong Hall was constructed in 1957 and has not received any significant improvements or renovations since then. Combined with the self-funded \$90 million addition and renovation of the Science Complex, the renovation of Strong Hall would result in first-class science facilities on Eastern's campus.

We are pleased to introduce some of our students who will have the opportunity to learn in these fine new facilities. Seventeen freshman students joined Eastern this fall under our Presidential Scholars program, which provides a full four-year scholarship for these gifted students. They will be introduced shortly and we welcome them to this meeting and to the University.

We are pleased to host three finalists this week for the Provost position. The three finalists were selected from a group of more than 50 applicants by the search committee chaired by Dean Tom Venner of the College of Arts & Sciences. Open forums and meetings with faculty, students and other campus groups are taking place.

Efforts to expand our global partnerships continue to achieve results. Last week, we hosted a four-person delegation from Zhejiang University of Media and Communications in China. Two new agreements were signed providing exchange opportunities for students and faculty between the two institutions. Zhejiang University was founded 33 years ago and is one of the premier Chinese universities for broadcast journalism and media arts.

We are pleased to announce that Eastern's College of Business has earned its eighth consecutive ranking on the Princeton Review's annual list of the Best Business Schools. The ranking is based on a survey of students. In the report, Eastern's College of Business was highlighted for "offering an affordable, flexible, and very student-oriented MBA program."

Our continuing efforts to support our local community are reflected in several recent events:

- This morning, we celebrated the dedication of our Autism Collaborative Center and Children's Institute in the Fletcher Building. These acclaimed and growing programs are widely recognized for their work supporting children and families in the region, and also provide opportunities for Eastern students pursuing careers in early childhood education and special education.
- We hosted the 2nd annual "College Begins at Head Start" program on campus. More than 300 pre-school children visited campus with their parents to encourage high school completion and college attendance.
- Last week, we were joined by Regent Michael Hawks in dedication ceremonies of our new Eagle Flight Centre aviation training facility at the Capitol Region International Airport in Lansing. The Lansing program is modeled after Eastern's highly regarded program that has been operating out of Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti for five years.

Women's basketball student athlete and senior guard Tavelyn James has been chosen to play for the United States women's team at the Pan-American Games, which begin this Friday in Mexico. James is joining the 12-member team made up of the best women collegiate players in the country. She is the first Eastern player to compete in the event, and also the first student-athlete from a Mid-American Conference institution to be selected for the team's roster.

The football team is off to its best start since 1995 with a 4-3 overall record and 2-1 Mid-American Conference (MAC) record. We had a big victory last weekend in Mt. Pleasant over Central Michigan. Our Homecoming game will be held this Saturday, October 22nd. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. versus Western Michigan.

Homecoming festivities kicked off last night. Tonight includes a lecture and book signing by rapper, actor and activist Common. Thursday features "Green & White Day;" a Block Party on the Student Center patio supported by local businesses and Mojo of radio station 99.5; and the Pep Rally at 8 p.m. at University Park, complete with the marching band, cheer squad and other special guests. Friday is residence hall decorating and Salsa Night, and on Saturday pre-game festivities for alumni and others begin at 11 a.m. at the Stadium.

I am pleased to announce that former Eastern standout basketball player George Gervin, who later went on to a hall of fame career in the NBA, will be returning to Eastern to be our winter commencement speaker on December 18. Named one of the NBA's 50 Greatest Players, Gervin now leads the George Gervin Youth Center, which provides vocational training, remedial education, mentoring, tutoring, job placement and supportive services for more than 1,400 of San Antonio's at-risk and disadvantaged youth and their families.

This concludes my formal remarks. The full President's Report, with additional information, is available on the University's website.

Thank you, Chairman Wilbanks.

Susan Martin

TAB C

INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

Dr. Rebecca Sipe from the Honors College proudly introduced the 2011-12 Presidential Scholars: Caitlin Baumer, Drake Carr, Antonios Marios Chionos, Sara Dedona, Joseph Eilerman, Stephanie Frank, Ashley Hagadon, Heather Hashman, Alexandra Hofmann, Megan Hoorn, Darren McCormick, Shayla McDermott, Soquel Rey, Lydia Seale, Lauren Thelen, Ryan Todd, Genna Touchette.

TAB D

RESOLUTION: DR. LINDA LEWIS-WHITE

Regent Parker moved and Regent Stapleton seconded to recommend the Board approve the Resolution recognizing Dr. Linda Lewis-White for being named the 2011 National Academic Advising Association's (NACADA) Outstanding Advisor for Faculty Academic Advising Award. Dr. Lewis has served as the lead advisor in the Department of Teacher Education.

Motion Carried

TAB E

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Regent Fitzsimmons moved and Regent Hawks seconded that the proposed minutes be approved as submitted.

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

Regent Morris moved and Regent Fitzsimmons seconded that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved (sections 1- 6).

Section 1

Emeritus Faculty Status

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty status to two (2) former faculty members: Dr. Karen Sinclair and Dr. Fathi Sokkar.

Section 2

Emeritus Staff Recommendations

Recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Staff status to two (2) former staff members: Amelia Chan and Rebecca Figura.

Section 3

Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve four (4) Administrative/Professional transfers.

Section 4

Academic Retirements/Separations

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve twenty-three (23) retirements and separations for the reporting period August 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

Section 5

Staff Appointments

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve ten (10) staff appointments for the reporting period September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

Section 6

Staff Separations/Retirements

Recommended that the Board of Regents approve eight (8) separations and retirements for the reporting period September 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

Motion Carried

Section 7

MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES - STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent Fitzsimmons moved and Regent Morris seconded that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for October 18, 2011 and the Minutes of September 20, 2011 be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Section 8

MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES – FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent Parker moved and Regent Stapleton seconded that the Faculty Affairs Committee Agenda for October 18, 2011 and the Minutes of September 20, 2011 be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

Sections 9 and 10

MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES – EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Regent Parker moved and Regent Morris seconded that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for October 18, 2011 and the Minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting be received and placed on file; and the Board 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 was recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Education degree to Mr. Gervin.

Motion Carried

Section 11

MONTHLY REPORT AND MINUTES - FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Hawks seconded that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the Minutes from the September 20, 2011 Finance and Audit Committee meeting, the Agenda for the October 18, 2011 meeting and the Informational Reports and Financial Updates.

Motion Carried

Section 12

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION AS OF JUNE 30, 2011

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Parker seconded that the Board of Regents approve, receive and place on file the University's audited fiscal year 2010-11 financial statements and auditor's report.

Motion Carried

Section 13

FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Parker seconded that the Board of Regents approve the University's FY 2012-13 Capital Outlay Request to the State of Michigan.

Motion Carried

Section 14

2012-2013 GENERAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS REQUEST

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Morris seconded that the Board of Regents approve the 2012-2013 General Fund Scholarships, Awards and Grants proposal for \$36,040,000.

Motion Carried

Section 15

AUTHORIZES THE PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS, TO SUBMIT THE FY2012-2013 STATE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

Regent Stapleton moved and Regent Hawks seconded that the Board of Regents authorize the President, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents, to submit the Fiscal Year 2012-13 State of Michigan Appropriations Request.

Motion Carried

Chairman Wilbanks called for any further business to be brought before the Board. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Reaume
Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Regents