

**ADDENDUM**  
**February 3, 2015**

IV. ACTION ITEMS

**D. Naming of University Property**

**Naming of Room #3015 in Lumpkin Hall**

Mr. & Mrs. James and Susan Pendleton, have committed financial support for the purpose of naming Lumpkin Hall Room 3015. This is the location of the Literacy in Financial Education Center.

Their contribution has established a new fund for the LIFE Center. The purpose of the fund is to support the Literacy in Financial Education (LIFE) Center. The goal of the center is to encourage students to practice responsible financial behaviors and graduate with a lower debt level by developing strategies to reduce their discretionary spending. The center will serve as an educational resource for students by offering presentations, webinars, and peer-to-peer financial counseling

Mr. Kenneth Taylor graduated from EIU in 1958 with a degree in Business Education. Ken was a U.S. Navy veteran and originally from Vandalia, IL. His career was in sales, accounting and purchasing. He had a lifelong interest in the financial industry and investments. .

Susan and James Pendleton reside in Madison, WI. James graduated from the State University of New York and Susan attended the Defense Language Institute and the University of Maryland. James is a retired U.S. Army Warrant Officer and retired from the Department of Defense. Susan is also a U.S. Army veteran.

Susan and James would like to name the current room of the LIFE Center, Lumpkin Hall Room 3015, in memory of Susan's father, Kenneth Taylor.

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of Lumpkin Hall Room 3015 in honor of Kenneth Taylor (1958).**

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E. **Honorary Degrees**

- 1.) The Board is asked to consider the awarding of an Honorary Degree to Barbara Baurer. As reflected in the biography below, the accomplishments of Ms. Baurer merit consideration for an Honorary Degree from Eastern Illinois University.

**Barbara Baurer**

Barbara Baurer of El Paso, Ill., has served as chief operating officer for Country Financial since September 1999. She is a member of the board of directors for several insurance providers with whom Country Financial has established alliances: Cotton States Insurance Group, Alpharetta, Georgia; Holyoke Mutual Insurance Company, Salem, Massachusetts; and Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company, Middletown, Connecticut. Ms. Baurer also serves as president for Cotton States, Holyoke and Middlesex.

Since joining Country Financial in 1977, Ms. Baurer has served in various roles, including vice president and general manager of the Property and Casualty companies. Prior to that, she served as vice president of Information Services.

She joined the Country Financial Management Committee/Leadership Council in 1989.

She has a bachelor's degree in mathematics and an MBA -- both from Eastern Illinois University.

Ms. Baurer volunteered as a member of the EIU School of Business Advisory Board from 2009 to 2014, serving the final two years as chair. She has served Eastern as an executive-in-residence for the School of Business. In 2006, she received the EIU Outstanding Graduate Alumnus Award and, in 2013, the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Her service and recognition go far beyond her service to Eastern. She has served as campaign chair for the United Way of McLean County. She was named to the National Diversity Council's Most Powerful and Influential Women in Illinois in 2010, and inducted into the Illinois State University Business Hall of Fame in 2013. She received the Griffith Insurance Education Distinguished Service and Lifetime Achievement Awards in 2013 and 2014.

Ms. Baurer gives generously of her time, expertise and resources to her alma mater, community and profession.

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the awarding of an Honorary Degree to Barbara Baurer.**

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- 2.) The Board is asked to consider the awarding of an Honorary Degree to V. Gene Myers. As reflected in the biography below, the accomplishments of Mr. Myers merit consideration for an Honorary Degree from Eastern Illinois University.

**V. Gene Myers**

V. Gene Myers received both his bachelor's ('70) and master's ('72) degrees in art from Eastern Illinois University. While at Eastern, he worked for the then-Eastern News. He penned a cartoon strip called "Catatonic State." He also created editorial cartoons and drew illustrations for special sections.

Mr. Myers won the 1986 National Journalism Scripps Howard Foundation Charles M. Schultz Award for the best cartoonist. He has been published in several of the top magazines in the country including *The New Yorker*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Reader's Digest* and *Playboy*.

He has been a loyal alumnus and returns to EIU often to lecture to classes. With his national reputation as an illustrator and an award-winning cartoonist, he has been a gracious and professional mentor to EIU journalism students.

Mr. Myers is a nationally recognized illustrator. He loves to draw, and his cartooning has a prominent place in our national media, with most of his success in magazines. His illustrations appear in national advertising campaigns and can be seen on T-shirts, mugs and posters all across the United States.

**It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the awarding of an Honorary Degree to V. Gene Myers.**