

III. REPORTS

A. **Report from Board Chair**

B. Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee

Mr. Kristopher Goetz, Chair
Mr. Rene M. Hutchinson
Dr. Jan Spivey Gilchrist
Dr. Robert D. Webb

Board Relations Committee

Mr. Roger Kratochvil, Chair
Mr. Rene Hutchinson

Finance/Audit Committee

Dr. Robert Webb, Chair
Mr. Joseph Dively
Mr. Kristopher Goetz

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Rene Hutchinson, Chair
Dr. Jan Spivey Gilchrist
Ms. Catie Witt

Board Regulations

Executive Planning Committee

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Approval of Minutes**

- January 20, 21, 22, and 27, 2015 Board Dinners with Presidential Candidates
- February 3, 2015 Board Meeting

B. Selection of President of Eastern Illinois University

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. **President's Report**

B. Reports from Constituencies

Faculty Senate – No Report

Staff Senate – No Report

Student Government – No Report

C. University Highlights

AROUND CAMPUS

Tarble Foundation donates additional \$3 million for Tarble Arts Center expansion, support.

The Tarble Foundation, a longtime supporter of the arts at Eastern, has given another \$3 million that will, in part, help in the further expansion/renovation of the institution's Tarble Arts Center. More than a third of the gift -- \$1.2 million -- will be used in support of the proposed Tarble Arts Education and Outreach Expansion/Enhancement project, which will nearly double the amount of classroom space available in the arts center. And, by moving the classroom elsewhere in the building, the Tarble will be able to transform the existing classroom space into an Open Collections Learning Laboratory.

An additional \$800,000 of the Tarble Foundation's gift establishes an endowed fund that will provide salary and support resources to help administer the new classroom and collections laboratory. The remaining \$1 million was given to insure sustained leadership for the Tarble Arts Center by establishing an endowed directorship.

The recent gift brings the total of gifts given by the Newton Tarble family in support of the arts at Eastern to approximately \$18 million.

More on this story can be found at <http://castle.eiu.edu/media/viewstory.php?action=1030>.

EIU receives official notice of reaccreditation through 2024-25. Citing quality in personnel, instruction and support services, the Higher Learning Commission formally notified Eastern of its reaccreditation for another 10-year period. "The accreditation review and evaluation could not have concluded with a more favorable outcome for us," said President Bill Perry and Provost Blair Lord in a joint statement to the EIU campus. "We offer our deepest thanks to all, faculty and staff, for their commitment to the educational quality Eastern provides to our students."

The report was the culmination of nearly two years of preparatory work, followed by a three-day campus visit in October by the Peer Review Team. Nearly 70 individuals were directly involved in conducting and preparing a self-study. The process further engaged other members of the campus community, either directly or indirectly.

The Peer Review Team evaluated the university on five criteria: EIU's mission; integrity (ethical and responsible conduct); teaching and learning (quality, resources and support); teaching and learning (evaluation and improvement); and resources, planning and institutional effectiveness. "In the review of each of the five criteria, many positive items were mentioned as evidence of our satisfying them," Perry said. "We are, of course, delighted with this assessment."

See <http://castle.eiu.edu/media/viewstory.php?action=1035> for more on this story.

LLC, EIU agree to more student-friendly reverse transfer process. Students who complete coursework at both Lake Land College and Eastern now have a simpler way in which to combine their credits to earn an associate degree at Lake Land. According to a Memorandum of Agreement between the institutions, a process known as reverse transfer will assist eligible students in transferring coursework from EIU to LLC to complete requirements for their associate degree. Eligible students are EIU students who previously attended (or who are currently also attending) Lake Land and who have earned 32 credit hours or more through the college but have not yet earned their associate degree.

C. University Highlights (Cont.)

Amy Lynch, EIU registrar, said the university will first identify eligible students, then send them letters offering the opportunity to opt in to the reverse transfer process. Those interested need only give their written authorization and the two institutions will do the rest. Once authorization is received, Eastern will automatically send copies of the students' transcripts to Lake Land at the completion of each semester; Lake Land, in turn, will review those transcripts and determine which newly earned credits, if any, can be applied toward an associate degree at that institution. There is no additional fee charged to the students for the process.

More on the story can be found at <http://castle.eiu.edu/media/viewstory.php?action=1028>.

Nearly 700 attend #FUTUREPANTHER Admitted Student Day. Approximately 280 newly admitted students, along with family members, attended the Feb. 16 #FuturePanther Admitted Student Day, designed to give students a final look of campus. Sponsored by the Office of Admissions, Admitted Student Day is part of a campus-wide effort to showcase EIU through tours of campus and opportunities to speak with representatives across campus from faculty to current students. "The days are a celebration of students' accomplishments and what lies ahead of them," said Chris Dearth, director of the Office of Admissions "The students have already been admitted to a selective academic university. Now, it's their decision to see if EIU is the right fit."

Current students, faculty members and staff are encouraged to wear blue to show their support for the day, Dearth said.

The next #FuturePanther Admitted Student Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 7.

Spring 2014's tenth day numbers indicated that the number of international students attending EIU reflected an increase – 281, up from 273 in the fall. "International enrollment has grown, making it the largest international student enrollment in EIU history," said Kevin Vicker, director, International Students and Scholars. This includes 79 new international students for the spring semester – 27 undergraduates and 52 graduates.

"Key partnerships have contributed to this growth, including our partnership with Chungnam National University in South Korea who send 10 undergraduate students for this semester, and our partnership with a couple of education consultants in Nepal who sent nine undergraduate students for this semester.

"At the graduate level, our largest overall major (among international students) continues to be computer technology, followed by MBA, sustainable energy and kinesiology and sports studies," Vicker continued. "At the undergraduate level, business-related majors are the most popular, followed by communication and kinesiology and sports studies."

SEED Center holds grand opening. Eastern's Sustainable Entrepreneurship through Education & Development (SEED) Center's grand opening on Feb. 11 introduced visitors to the established home of entrepreneurial education, research and community partnerships. The facility provides students, faculty, staff and community members with resources to grow as entrepreneurs and develop comprehensive business plans.

"From one-on-one entrepreneurial coaching to training workshops throughout the community, Eastern Illinois University is committed to providing a home for students and community members to grow their own entrepreneurial ventures," said Marko Grünhagen, director of the SEED Center. "The center also supports our entrepreneurship minor, which is focused on providing students with hands-on experience under the direction of experienced faculty."

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The SEED Center continues to offer the outreach efforts of the former Business Solutions Center, which provided community development with entrepreneurial coaching and local, state and national resources since 2008. “The Business Solutions Center is now integrated into the SEED center,” Grünhagen said. “The integration and name change emphasize that EIU’s primary focus is promoting entrepreneurship through integrative learning.

Annual MLK Jr. Candlelight Vigil March, Tribute held. The Zeta Nu chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. hosted its 28th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil March and Tribute Monday, Jan. 19. The event began with a march beginning from the Thomas Hall lobby and ending at the Grand Ballroom, MLK Jr. Union. Traditionally, between 100 and 200 students, faculty, family and friends support the vigil and program annually.

STUDENT/FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

EIU is home to a great deal of innovative research and creative activity, and a new WEIU-TV program aims to highlight the work being done by EIU's talented faculty. Premiering Jan. 28, “Connect” is an hour-long program focused on four EIU faculty members from a variety of academic areas; the show re-airs a number of times.

The show’s first episode featured the following: Marko Grünhagen, School of Business; Andrew Methven, Department of Biological Sciences; Angela Yoder, Department of Counseling & Student Development; and Charles R. Foy, Department of History.

Primary Center named in honor of EIU professor. An Eastern professor has been honored for his years of dedication and commitment to a school district. The Primary Center has been named in honor of Nick Osborne, an EIU professor of educational leadership, for his years of service to District 80, Mount Vernon City Schools.

Mike Green, current superintendent of District 80, said Osborne was instrumental in bringing students from neighborhood schools to attendance centers. Osborne oversaw the construction of the Primary Center, a school for grades kindergarten through third grade, during his tenure as superintendent from 1994 to 2001. The primary center is now formally called the “Dr. Nick Osborne Primary Center.”

FOCUS ON ATHLETICS

EIU men’s basketball had two games televised on American Sports Network with the Panthers hosting UT Martin on Feb. 19 and Southeast Missouri on Feb. 22. EIU locked up a trip to its third straight OVC Tournament in Nashville, March 4-7.

EIU celebrated 20 years for track and field head coach Tom Akers with a gathering of former EIU athletes in February. The event coincided with the Panthers home Friday Night Special meet on Feb. 20. Akers has won 31 Ohio Valley Conference Indoor and Outdoor Track Championships in his 20 years as the Panthers head coach. EIU hosted the OVC Indoor Track Championships Feb. 27-28.

D. Other Matters

E. Public Comment