

# Board of Regents Update | July 22, 2016

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to report that the Board of Regents on Thursday named Michael Hague as our interim vice chancellor for Business and Finance. He comes to us from the Ann Arbor campus where he has served as the divisional controller for Student Business Operations since January 2013. He previously spent six years at Eastern Michigan University as the executive director of Business Services and 12 years at Adrian College, first as the controller and then as the associate vice president of Financial Services. Mike also worked for two years at Ernst and Young in Toledo, Ohio, in the tax department. He has his BBA in Accounting from Adrian College and has been very active in many local, state, and national higher education associations. Mike will be assisting our campus by providing critical leadership and oversight for our budget and capital projects.

I also appreciated the opportunity on Thursday to share with the Regents the good work happening at UM-Flint. I was able to highlight the exciting presentation made earlier this month at the request of the White House by ERS Professor Marty Kaufman, Geographic Information Systems manager Troy Rosencrants, and student Melissa Hertlein. They were invited to present during the White House Mapathon because of their work to map city records that showed the location of lead pipe lines in the City of Flint.

I informed the Regents that our campus leadership on early-childhood interventions for our community continues to expand with a \$600,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The two-year grant will support the expansion of our Early Childhood Development Center, which is being done in partnership with Flint Community Schools. On a related note, the Isabel Foundation also granted the University \$85,000 to pilot an innovative “pop-up” preschool in the hardest hit areas of Flint so we will be able to take our

work directly into neighborhoods where additional educational options are needed.

And finally, I told the Regents about the research Physics professor Rajib Ganguly will conduct using the Hubble Space Telescope to gather data over the course of a year on 11 objects identified by Dr. Ganguly for his project titled, "A New Twist in the Quasar Radio Dichotomy: The Case of the Missing Outflows." Very exciting!

If you wish to view the full agenda, you can view it here<<http://www.regents.umich.edu/meetings/07-16/index.html>>. Congratulations on all of these achievements and the many others happening! Enjoy the rest of the summer. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Go Blue!

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