

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
Room 302 International Center

Members attending: Pauline Adams, Charles Gliozzo, Bruce Miller, James Rainey, Albert Sparrow, Gary Stone. Guests: Cindi Leverich, John Powell, Professor Emeritus, Elizabeth Simmons, Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Development.

Chairperson Rainey called the monthly meeting to order at 1:11 PM and introduced Associate Provost Elizabeth Simmons.

Dr. Simmons explained her new role as Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Development and the creation of the new Academic Advancement Network (See Attachment). Before that, Gary Stone reviewed the history of the Faculty Emeriti Association since its formation in 2004 and mentioned the variety of activities that the FEA sponsors. The Network consists of four “nodes”, Teaching & Learning, Research & Scholarship, Academic Career Paths, and Leadership Development. Curricula for each node is being developed. Dr. Simmons noted that the mentoring of junior faculty might be of interest to some of our members depending on the topics required. She will contact us again as the development of the nodes progresses. Charles Gliozzo suggested that FEA members might be involved in the new faculty orientation sessions.

Faculty Health Care and Faculty Senate – Gary Stone introduced his guest, John Powell, who has been very active with the Faculty Health Care Council. A significant goal of the Council is to keep faculty members healthy during all phases of their careers, including retirement. A second firm is reviewing the proposal for an on-campus health care clinic. President Simon told the Faculty Senate that there is uncertainty about the state and federal budgets for higher education – an annual dilemma. She noted that there are more than 50,000 students on campus, 70% of whom are from in-state as mandated by the Board of Trustees. MSU is a member of the AAU – we have approximately 100 endowed chairs whereas the University of Michigan has more than 400 such chairs.

Lecture Series – Charles Gliozzo reviewed the schedules for the Lecture Series and the Library Presentations. We must plan the lectures well in advance as Kellogg Center now needs 30 days notice to schedule rooms.

Other business – Pauline Adams and Albert Sparrow will attempt to recruit a new member for the Steering Committee. James Rainey indicated that five members of the Steering Committee at the end of last year and that we must all attempt to find new members.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 October 12, 2016 - JF

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 PM.

Submitted by James Rainey, Interim Secretary