

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2014
ROOM 204 INTERNATIONAL CENTER

I. START OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson James Rainey welcomed the committee members and called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Other members in attendance: Pauline Adams, Bill Cambray, John Forsyth, Joyce Grant, Charles Gliozzo, Bruce Miller, Evelyn Rivera, David Rovner, Albert Sparrow, Gary Stone, and Cindi Leverich of the Office of Faculty Organization and Development. Not attending: Jenny Bond, Joe Chartkoff, Alan Fisher, Rita Gallin, Mary Kennedy, and Jim Trosko.

II. AGENDA OF THE MEETING:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting on November 12, 2014, were approved as modified with respect to the administrative fee charged by Blue Cross. Motion to approve was made by Gary Stone and seconded by Pauline Adams.

2. FEA HISTORY PROJECT:

No Report.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Pauline Adams reported that the Board of Trustees would meet December 12, 2014. She requested that a new representative to the Board of Trustees be appointed at the latest by the start of the 2015-2016 academic year.

4. UNIVERSITY COUNCIL:

Bruce Miller noted that the university attorney's office had made an extensive report to the University Council regarding policies and procedures for treating allegations of sexual assault on campus.

5. FACULTY SENATE AND HEALTH CARE:

Gary Stone reported that since the October meeting there have been several focus groups on the issues of health care, prescription plans and the possible on-campus clinic. He offered to request a focus group for the FEA Steering Committee. After some discussion there was not support for requesting that focus group.

The Faculty Senate had not met since the November 11 Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee meeting.

6. LECTURE SERIES:

Members reported good attendance at the talks by Ethan Segal and Clifford Welsh.

7. ORAL HISTORY PROJECT:

Pauline Adams reported that Ron Fisher's on September 11th, is still the most recent. Other people are being contacted and she again encouraged members of the committee to conduct interviews or encourage other to interview.

8. RECOGNITION AWARDS PROJECT:

Leverich and Rainey reported that letters soliciting nominations would go out on December 12. Rainey recalled a suggestion from the November meeting that prior winners, both individual and unit winners, be encouraged to submit nominees.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

Gliozzo and Leverich led a discussion on conversations they have had on communications issues raised at the November meeting. That meeting considered the following seven initiatives:

1. Produce an on-line newsletter with invited columns and announcements. This should be pursued with the idea of having announcements of upcoming events, columns, possibly obituaries, and other features of interest to emeriti. It was suggested that a Listserve be used for communicating the newsletter.
2. Mentor undergraduates. Rovner contacted the dean who had indicated an interest in such mentoring, and the dean asked for time to designate a contact person.
3. Re-issue a survey of emeritus faculty. The most recent is about ten years old. Cindy Leverich distributed materials from the previous survey. After some discussion, it was decided that the Communications Committee would meet with Cindy Leverich and propose survey content and consider using Survey Monkey for delivery.
4. Develop a relationship with the administration. Rainey will arrange a meeting with Provost Youatt and a small group from the Steering Committee.
5. Issue an annual report. As a starting point it was suggested a brief report be produced and shared with Provost Youatt prior to the meeting mentioned above.
6. See if there is some form of an emeriti college that would fit MSU. This item was not discussed.
7. Participate in new faculty orientation. The Office of Faculty Organization and Development is working on how this participation might be structured.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 1:00-3:00 PM Room 302 International Center

--Submitted by John Forsyth

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