

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION  
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 11, 2015  
Room 302 International Center

Chairperson Rainey called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

Members attending: Pauline Adams, Jenny Bond, Bill Cambray, Joseph Chartkoff, John Forsyth, Charles Gliozzo, Bruce Miller, James Rainey, David Rovner, Albert Sparrow, and Gary Stone. Not attending: Alan Fisher, Rita Gallin, Joyce Grant, Mary Kennedy, and Jim Trosko. Visitor: Cindi Leverich (MSU-FOD).

Chairperson Rainey noted that it was Veterans Day and asked if any of the committee were service veterans. Gliozzo, Miller and Rovner responded affirmatively.

Chartkoff moved and Adams seconded approving the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

FEA History Project: Chartkoff distributed his work on the impact of the Faculty Emeriti Association and invited comments on that material or other parts that have or should be written.

Board of Trustees: Bond reported on the October 30, 2015 meeting of the Board of Trustees. While upgrades to Breslin Center received most of the attention from the local press, she thought more interesting decisions were made supporting STEM teaching, learning and interdisciplinary research facilities and a food processing and innovation center, a pilot plant for new food products. There were no public comments nor student or faculty presentations.

University Council: Bruce Miller attended October 20 the meeting of the University Council. Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Director Mark Hollis gave an extensive presentation about the articulation of the athletic program with other university programs.

Health Care and Faculty Senate: Work is being done to estimate the cost and funding of a possible on-site clinic, about which there are many open questions. The prescription drug benefit program has added several specialty drugs to the list that are subject to a screening program and modified the screening. The cost of individual prescriptions for those specialty drugs is high, but the number of people using them is low. The Faculty Senate met on November 10, 2015 and approve a list of program changes, course changes, and new courses. Approximately half of the colleges in the university are in the process of searching for new deans. The Faculty Senate approved submitting to the Board of Trustees a document integrating two policies – one adopted in 1993 and the other in 2006 -- for dismissal of tenured faculty for cause.

Lecture Series: Gliozzo commented that the presentation about instability in the Middle East given by Andrea Morel Farsakh on Monday October 19, 2015 was one of the best attended of FEA lectures and was extremely well received. Ralph Taggart will present on November 19, Larry Busch will present in December 2015, and international experts are expected to present in January and April 2016. The Faculty Emeriti Association continues to need a person to be in charge of its lecture series.

Oral History Project: Pauline Adams asked the group if they thought it appropriate to interview members of the Steering Committee of the FEA for the project. It was agreed that such interviews would be appropriate if the selection of the interviewee were the same as for other interviewees.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Room 302 International Center.

Submitted by John Forsyth