

**Michigan State University Faculty Emeriti Association**  
Steering Committee Meeting  
13 May 2020, 1:00 - 3:00p  
Zoom Meeting – Meeting ID: 891 5552 4287, Password: 079521

## MINUTES

Present: John Baker, Jenny Bond, John Forsyth, Steve Harsh, Charles Gliozzo, Cindi Leverich, David Long, and Gary Stone.

1. Opening Comments – Steve Harsh
2. Changes or additions to the agenda None
3. Approval of the minutes of the February meeting of the Steering Committee (distributed February 12 via email) – John Forsyth Minutes approved.
4. Projects and committee reports
  - a. Lecture Series – Charles Gliozzo Interim Provost Sullivan will speak in late June. Zoom and Youtube were suggested as carriers. Subsequent to the meeting Cindi Leverich established a Zoom webinar for June 23, 2020.
  - b. Healthcare & Faculty Senate – Gary Stone The university is still working to implement the Humana Medicare Advantage plan on January 1, 2021. Drug coverage will be through Medicare Part D. The university will be purchasing coverage and not be self-insured with an administrative premium.
  - c. University Council – David Long Council met but didn't deal with retiree issues.
  - d. Faculty Awards – Jenny Bond
    - Three recipients were selected for the individual award.
  - e. Technology Projects – John Forsyth
    - Issues related to using Zoom MSU blocks retirees from using the university's Zoom account. Zoom uses an email account to identify its account holders, so retirees who have only an msu.edu email account will need to join meetings using the cloud route through their browser and not a personal Zoom account set up through their email address.
    - Use of MSU's VPN Retirees are eligible to use the new vpn, a product called F5 BIG-IP Edge, but must have their former department or some university entity submit an electronic form requesting data access to the vpn.
    - Update on FEA email and website issues Forsyth to contact IT to get authorization to send using the FEA email address. [Note: this was accomplished a few days after the meeting.]
  - f. Oral History Project – Jane Vieth was unable to connect
    - Adding faculty content on non MSU related topics (e.g., Leader interview) – John Baker
  - g. Comments regarding new developments and trends in central administration – Cindi Leverich – New Provost, Dr. Teresa K. Woodruff in place August 1, 2020. Terry Curry is retiring and Ann Austin is changing her role.

5. Old Business

- a. Update on having selected faculty benefits (e.g., Wall Street Journal & technology access) available to retired faculty – Rick Simonds There is a path for retired faculty to order the Wall Street Journal for ¼ the normal cost. Not clear whether this included home delivery of the print edition.
- b. Expanding the membership of the Steering Committee. Discussion.
- c. Continuing discussion regarding new or expanded initiatives of our committee. – Further exploring “Faculty After Hours” concept – David Long
  - How to increase our exposure to the broader university community?
- d. Report on meeting with the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education regarding the potential of faculty emeriti teaching 1-credit seminars to 20 to 25 students in Fall and/or Spring semesters – John Forsyth & Steve Harsh The coronavirus is forcing this to be postponed.

6. New Business

- a. Request from Allyn Shaw, Assistant VP for Student Affairs, to help review student request for small assistance grants. Supported sending an email to the emeriti email list.
- b. Conducting a survey – Charles Gliozzo Brief discussion.

7. Adjournment 2:25pm (Next meeting is scheduled for September 9, location ??)