

# Michigan State University Faculty Emeriti Association

## Steering Committee Meeting

16 September 2020, 1:00pm (following the Annual Meeting)

Zoom Meeting: ID = 984 786 9407

### MINUTES

1. Opening Comments – Harsh called the meeting to order at 1:08pm. Present via Zoom: John Baker, John Forsyth, Charles Gliozzo, Steve Harsh, David Long, Richard Simonds, Gary Stone, Jane Vieth, and Cindi Leverich of the Academic Advancement Network.
2. Changes or additions to the agenda. None.
3. Approval of the minutes of the May meeting of the Steering Committee. Delayed to October meeting.
4. Projects and committee reports.
  - a. Lecture Series – Charles Gliozzo is trying to schedule, in late September or early October, a talk about the difference between normal age-related memory loss and dementia. The plan is to use Zoom webinars for lectures under the university’s Zoom license.
  - b. Healthcare & Faculty Senate – Gary Stone: The Faculty Senate had not met, but at last session the attention was mostly on issues of equity, diversity and inclusion. A misstep in electing members to the Senate on a staggered schedule resulted in almost complete turnover of membership in 2020. ~~Two members, one being Stone, were kept on the committee as an ad hoc move to provide continuity.~~ Two members, John Goderris and Deborah Moriarty, were kept on the committee for an additional year as ex-officio members of the committee to provide continuity for the committee. The Healthcare group has been stalled on the on-site clinic activity and had no input to the decision to change retiree health care coverage to Humana.
  - c. University Council – David Long: The University Council was scheduled to meet the week of September ~~24~~ 22.
  - c. Faculty Awards – A new person is needed to take on this activity. Stone moved and Vieth seconded accepting Jenny Bond’s resignation and thanked her for her years of service.
  - d. Technology Projects – John Forsyth
    - We believe we can promote lectures using individual messages via FEA email. The website needs to be checked to be sure bylaws are posted. Zoom capability for webinars is available.
  - e. Oral History Project – Jane Vieth recommended waiting for a Covid vaccine before continuing in-person oral history interviews.
  - f. Comments regarding COVID adjustments, new developments and trends in central administration – Cindi Leverich
5. Old Business

- a. Schedule of meetings for the coming months with Zoom. Harsh proposed using the second Tuesday of each month for regular meetings.

[ On Friday September 18, Harsh communicated the following dates for 2020-2021—

MSU Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee Scheduled Meetings

October – 10/14/20	March -- 3/10/21
November – 11/11/20	April – 4/14/21
December -- 12/9/20	May – 5/12/21
January -- 1/13/21	June – 6/9/21
February – 2/10/21	(no meetings in summer)

- b. Feedback with respect to faculty emeriti assisting with COVID grant review. None on the committee participated.
- c. Possible faculty emeriti assisting in the teaching of freshman Integrative Studies courses has been put on hold.
  
- d. Simonds had pursued the question of availability to retired faculty of newspaper publications such as the Wall Street Journal. A representative of a distributor believed that ASMSU controlled which groups of people were eligible for the publications. The MSU Libraries subscribes to an on-line service called Press Reader, but some high-profile newspapers such as the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times are blocked from access. Cindi offered to contact the Director of the Libraries to get clarification.

6. New Business

- a. Relationship between FEA and RA. Interact with Roger Baldwin and the MSURA especially considering participation in the Association of Retiree Organizations in higher Education (AROHE).
- a. Expanding the membership of the Steering Committee.
- b. Discussion regarding goals and plans for the coming year with the reality of dealing with COVID.

7. Adjournment at 2:29 pm.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2020 1:00 pm viz Zoom.

Submitted by John Forsyth