

# Michigan State University Faculty Emeriti Association

## Steering Committee Meeting

12 February 2020 1:00 - 3:00pm

Room 27 Nisbet Building, Room 27

## MINUTES

1. Chairperson Steve Harsh convened the meeting at 1:00 pm. Present were John Baker, John Forsyth, Steve Harsh, Cindi Leverich, David Long, Rick Simonds, and Gary Stone. Jenny Bond, Charles Gliozzo and Jane Vieth could not attend. Harsh welcomed Baker and Simonds as new members.
2. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.
3. The minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting of the Steering Committee were approved
4. Projects and committee reports
  - Lecture Series – Bring suggestions for speakers for Gliozzo to consider
  - b. Healthcare & Faculty Senate – Gary Stone
    - The university is moving to a Medicare Advantage plan to be carried by Humana and start January 1, 2021. Drugs will be moved to Medicare Part D, which pays for a slightly different set of drugs than the current CVS list. The university will be paying as an insurance client rather than being self-insured and paying an administrator (currently Blue Cross). The Humana Medicare Advantage card will replace the trio of Medicare, Blue Cross and CVS cards.
    - There is a plan to convert legacy retirement plans outside of TIAA-CREF and Fidelity to one of those two providers. Holders of such plans will be contacted for their options.
  - c. University Council – David Long: No report.
  - d. Faculty Awards – Harsh reported for Jenny Bond
    - Nominations are due on February 17, selections to be made by March 9
    - Harsh drafted Long and Baker to evaluate nominations.
  - e. Technology Projects – John Forsyth
    - The new version of the website is operational as a secure https site. The URL is <https://facultyemeriti.msu.edu> where https has replaced http. The site was displayed on the HDTV in the room. It was suggested that committee member emails be added to the site to facilitate emeritus faculty contacting the committee.
    - The new [fea@msu.edu](mailto:fea@msu.edu) email address is a shared mailbox which still cannot be used for a Microsoft Outlook mail merge.
  - f. Oral History Project – Harsh asked the committee to consider individuals who should be interviewed.
  - g. Comments regarding new developments and trends in central administration – Cindy Leverich
    - Provost search aims to have a new Provost by summer 2020.
    - Search for a leader for the Academic Advancement Network is on hold until the new Provost is in place.
    - Vinny Gore and Joe Salem are leading a Strategic Planning Committee.
5. Old Business
  - a. Expanding the membership of the Steering Committee.

- b. Continuing discussion regarding new or expanded initiatives of our committee – Further exploring “Faculty After Hours” concept, for example.
  - How to increase our exposure to the broader university community?
- New Business
  - a. What should be our response to 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? Harsh and Forsyth to attend focus group luncheon on February 25.
  - a. Conducting a survey – Look at the 2015 survey and results and consider a new contact.
- Adjournment at 3:00 (Next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 1:00 pm 27 Nisbet Building)

Submitted by John Forsyth