

Michigan State University Faculty Emeriti Association

Steering Committee Meeting

13 January 2021

MINUTES

1. Opening Comments – Steve Harsh opened the meeting at 1:01pm. Richard Hula was introduced as a new member of the committee. Members present via Zoom: John Baker, John Forsyth, Charles Gliozzo, Steve Harsh, Richard Hula, David Long, 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 – Long moved and Baker seconded approval of the minutes of November 11, 2020. Motion passed.
4. Projects and committee reports.
 - a. Lecture Series – Charles Gliozzo In late January David Firestein will present a Zoom talk on possible China policy in the new US administration. John Baker was asked to help find an expert on vaccines to present during February.
 - b. Healthcare & Faculty Senate – Gary Stone The Steering Committee had a brief discussion of anecdotal feedback about the change to Humana. Humana sponsors an in-home wellness assessment covered by their Medical Advantage plan but it does not negate coverage of the annual wellness assessment by one's physician. The Faculty Senate in November approved a proposed policy statement on diversity, equity and inclusion and forwarded the statement to the administration. In December they reviewed the University's response to Federal inquiries related to civil rights.
 - c. University Council – David Long The University Council worked on the academic calendar and equity issues.
 - d. Faculty Awards – John Baker: Leverich has started the process of soliciting nominations with an early March deadline. Nominations will be submitted electronically.
 - e. Technology Projects – John Forsyth The website, facultyemeriti.msu.edu, has been updated with the archive of meeting minutes being brought up to date. The access to Zoom through the University supports using MediaSpace to provide video access to previous FEA lectures. The January 2021 lecture is available there [and can be reached via this link](#). Lecture videos will be replaced after a period of time.
 - f. Oral History Project – Jane Vieth This project is on hold during the pandemic.
 - g. Comments regarding ever-changing adjustments, new developments and trends in central administration – Cindi Leverich -- Activity focuses on adjusting administrative roles and offices.
5. Old Business
 - a. Conducting a strategic analysis of the mission, roles and future of this committee. After discussion, Vieth was asked to propose an addition to the FEA Mission Statement indicating a

role in being watchful of the interest of emeritus faculty. Long, Hula, Stone and Forsyth were asked to develop a survey of emeriti asking how the FEA can be of value to them.

6. New Business

- a. Expanding the membership of the Steering Committee. Discussion.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 10, 2021 1:00-3:00 pm.