

Michigan State University Faculty Emeriti Association

Steering Committee Meeting

11 November 2020, 1:00pm

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

1. Opening Comments – Steve Harsh called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Members present via Zoom: John Baker, John Forsyth, Charles Gliozzo, Steve Harsh, David Long, Richard Simonds, Gary Stone, Jane Vieth, Roger Baldwin (guest) and Cindi Leverich of the Academic Advancement Network.
2. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.
3. Approval of the minutes – John Forsyth
 - Annual Meeting held in September 16, 2020 approved as amended.
 - September 16, 2020 regular meeting of the Steering Committee approved as amended. In separate motions Vieth moved and Gliozzo seconded approving the minutes. Passed unanimously in both cases.

Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) – Roger Baldwin gave a comprehensive overview of AROHE drawing from his involvement over the past three years. Details of items he mentioned can be found at the AROHE website at <https://www.arohe.org>. He covered AROHE's mission and goals and what is gained with Faculty Emeriti Association membership.

Projects and committee reports.

- a. Lecture Series – Charles Gliozzo: Gerald Urquhart will present on November 30 and David Firestein on December 9, 2020.
 - b. Healthcare & Faculty Senate – Gary Stone: The Healthcare committee held an organizational meeting. The Faculty Senate has been mainly concerned with issues relating to Nasser and to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - c. University Council – David Long: The University Council focused on Covid issues including a 1.7% reduction in enrollment.
 - c. Faculty Awards – A new person is needed to take on this activity
 - d. Technology Projects – John Forsyth
 - COVID Tracking App the group discussed issues relating to notifications, coverage, and abuse.
 - e. Oral History Project – Jane Vieth: Pandemic concerns constrain this activity.
 - f. Comments regarding ever-changing adjustments, new developments and trends in central administration – Cindi Leverich: Developing the strategic plan is a major activity.
5. Old Business: None

6. New Business

- a. Expanding the membership of the Steering Committee. Four people were suggested to be asked to contribute.
- b. Discussion regarding goals and plans for the coming year with the reality of dealing with COVID. AROHE ideas will be investigated.
- c. Comment: It was suggested that retired faculty might be able to get a reduced rate on publications such as the Wall Street Journal by phoning their customer service desk and noting their emeritus status.

7. Adjournment at 2:30

Next Meeting: The normal date would be December 9, but with a lecture scheduled the chair will consult and advise the members.

Submitted by John Forsyth