ANNUAL MEETING

Chairperson Rainey called the annual meeting to order at 1:08 pm.


Chairperson Rainey noted that the purpose of the annual meeting is to nominate and elect members of the Steering Committee for new three-year terms. All emeriti faculty are invited to the annual meeting and an email notice to that effect had been communicated to the Steering Committee’s email list.

Jenny Bond, Chair of the Nominations Committee, made the following report:

To: FEA Steering Committee
From: FEA Nominations Committee (Jenny Bond, John Forsyth, and Gary Stone)
Re: Nominations for the Steering Committee

The committee proposes the following for an additional 3-year term on the FEA Steering Committee, 2014-2017:
Pauline Adams, Jenny Bond, Bill Cambray, Rita Gallin, Charles Gliozzo, and Evelyn Rivera.
The committee proposes James Trosko for his first term on the FEA Steering Committee from 2014-2017.

Bond moved and Cambray seconded adopting the recommendations in the report. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the seven appointments were duly made.

Chairperson Rainey adjourned the annual meeting at 1:12 pm.

FEA History Project – Joseph Chartkoff reported that he is working on the meetings that established the mission statement of the FEA. He estimated that the project might be nearly 90% completed.
Board of Trustees -- Pauline Adams reported that the April 22, 2014 Meeting of the Board of Trustees focused largely on graduating student. Nineteen men and sixteen women were honored as graduating with straight 4.0 grades. Of those, 16 plan to attend graduate school and one was an international student. A Professor of Teacher Education and an Associate Professor of Economics constituted the new faculty appointments. Head Football Coach Dantonio’s contract was extended from January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020. Residence hall room and board rates were increased 3.95 percent, noting that these rates will be the third lowest in the Big Ten. Approval to proceed on projects included the Engineering Research parking lot, the third floor of Bessey hall, and a welcome center at the Horticulture Gardens. A video has been prepared from following nine undergraduates and it will be made available through social networks. Professor David Closs briefed the Board on the program in Supply Chain Management. Public comment included fixed term faculty commenting on low salary and late notice of teaching appointments and a student asking that room and board rates not be raised.

University Council – Bruce Miller indicated he was not able to attend the last University Council meeting.

Health Care – Gary Stone indicated that the Faculty Health Care Committee has been meeting twice per month for periods of two to six hours primarily acting as a sounding board and advisory service regarding health care benefits provided through Human Resources. The Faculty Health Care Committee still studies an on-campus clinic that would help employees identify health risks, connect with primary care physicians, and articulate with those physicians.

Faculty Senate – Stone reported that MSU faculty salaries are 11th in the Big Ten but total compensation ranks mid-range of the Big Ten.

Lecture Series – Miller noted that the last lecture of the 2013-2014 series would be May 19 and that this ends his work organizing the series.

Oral History – Pauline Adams is trying to schedule one individual for an interview and several more were suggested.

Awards Committee – Jenny Bond agreed to chair this work for the coming year. A letter was received from WKAR thanking the Faculty Emeriti Association for recognizing its work with an Outstanding Contribution by a Unit award. On behalf of the Nominations Committee, Bond moved as follows: The committee recognizes the good participation of retired faculty in the seminars and some other FEA activities. However, we are concerned about the limited participation (as good as it has been) on the Steering Committee. We recommend that the Steering Committee give priority to this concern during the next year. Forsyth seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gliozzo announced that the magazine project will resume in the fall.

Stone and Bond urged consideration of changes to the bylaws that would provide more flexibility in accommodating people to work with the committee.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2014

Submitted by John Forsyth