

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017
ROOM 204 INTERNATIONAL CENTER

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Rainey welcomed the committee members and called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Members in attendance: Pauline Adams, Bob Banks, Jenny Bond, John Forsyth, Bernie Gallin for Rita Gallin, Charles Gliozzo, Steve Harsh, James Rainey, Albert Sparrow, Gary Stone, and Cindi Leverich of the Academic Advancement Network. Not attending: Bill Cambray, Jim Potchen, and John Powell. Guest, Kenneth Horvath, Administrative Vice-President, Office of Auxiliary Enterprises.

Chairperson Rainey introduced Ken Horvath who described various interests of the Office of Auxiliary Enterprises with respect to providing housing. In fall 2017 Spartan Village will be home to new and visiting faculty, but not to students, whose housing needs are served elsewhere on and off campus. Spartan Village is expected to be closed in fall 2018. One of the options that has been suggested for future housing is a group of “high end” condominiums which might be on campus or off campus. He defined “high end” as costing more than the average of condominium units in the area. Oberlin College, Penn State, and University of Michigan were cited as having successful developments of this kind. Because of the many facets of such an enterprise, the Anderson-Strickler firm, which specializes in university housing developments, has been retained for advice. Anderson-Strickler plans to survey people who might be in the market for such housing. The Steering Committee asked to be able to comment on the survey and suggested that the FEA web site and other FEA communications could encourage faculty emeriti to provide valuable response to the survey.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Stone asked for a correction to the minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting that the on-site clinic had been under study for many years, rather than more than two years. Stone moved and Bond seconded approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2016 subject to that correction. The motion passed unanimously.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The Board met on December 16. Jenny Bond summarized the events which included a discussion of the campus mobility plan, stadium updates, Jenison remodeling, and plans for a new science building. Bond asked to be relieved of attending the Trustee meetings, citing difficulties in her schedule. She agreed to try to assure that someone represent the FEA at the February 17, 2017 meeting of the Board.

4. UNIVERSITY COUNCIL: A representative is needed to attend University Council meetings, usually seven per year. Gary Stone offered to be an interim representative until a replacement for Bruce Miller is identified.

5. FACULTY SENATE AND HEALTH CARE: Neither had met since the December meeting of the Steering Committee.

6. LECTURE SERIES: January 19 will have Dr. Matt Grossmann, Director, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) talk about Republican Policymaking: “What to Expect From the Trump Administration”. Gliozzo is negotiating for February and March speakers.

7. ORAL HISTORY PROJECT: Gliozzo offered to do an interview if someone else would match him. Harsh agreed to do one, so two new oral histories are expected.

8. RECOGNITION AWARDS PROJECT: Nomination materials have been drafted and will go out the week of January 16. Wording has been edited to allow a team of emeritus faculty to get an award, and to emphasize that the activity earning the award must be that which occurred after the faculty member retired.

Rainey distributed copies of the bylaws and asked people to be prepared at the next meeting to discuss whether changes should be made to the bylaws.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

The next meeting will be on February 8, 2017, 1:00-3:00 PM, Room 204 International Center.

-- Submitted by John Forsyth