

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017
ROOM 302 INTERNATIONAL CENTER

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Rainey called the meeting to order at 1:08pm. Members in attendance: Pauline Adams, John Forsyth, Bernie Gallin, Charles Gliozzo, Steve Harsh, Jim Potchen, John Powell, James Rainey, Albert Sparrow, Gordon Spink, Gary Stone, and Cindi Leverich of the Academic Advancement Network. Not attending: Bob Banks and Jenny Bond.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2017 were approved unanimously.

Rainey commented on “Taking the Taboo Out of Retirement” symposium organized by Professor Roger Baldwin and sponsored by the Office of the Provost. Several of the Steering Committee had attended. Impressions were that negotiating a path to retirement at MSU seems to depend on the individual department chair and the faculty member, that a set of options known to everyone and clearly articulated would help, and that a confidential advisor for faculty is needed. It was reported at the symposium that 43% of active MSU faculty are over the age of 65. A summary report is to be published and can be considered by the Steering Committee in the coming year.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The Board would not meet until the following day, April 13.

4. UNIVERSITY COUNCIL: John Powell attended the University Council on March 28. The was informational and no specific business was transaction. It was noted that Michigan State University was named in a survey as one of the top 500 places to work in the United States.

5. FACULTY SENATE AND HEALTH CARE: The Faculty Senate met March 21 and heard committee reports, including those for 31 new courses and one dropped course. There were three new degree programs. A mediation procedure has been developed as an option satisfying the requirements of the Faculty Grievance Procedure. A revision of the university patent policy was presented.

A document is being drafted by university staff to invite a proposal from an experienced firm to define details of operational costs under a model or models with which the firm has experience.

6. LECTURE SERIES: University Distinguished Professor Hiram Fitzgerald will present a lecture on April 14, “Can a Five-year Old be and Alcoholic?” Dr. Clare Luz had been scheduled for May26, but that being the Friday preceding Memorial Day weekend, the committee asked for the possibility of May 18 or 19 to be investigated.

7. ORAL HISTORY PROJECT: Gliozzo interviewed scheduled with Dr. Bill Strample. He indicated that Strample had given a very interesting exposition.

8. RECOGNITION AWARDS PROJECT: Two individuals, one unit and one special award have been prepared to present at the academic staff luncheon on April 17.

9. OLD BUSINESS: Rainey and Stone continue to work on proposals for revisions.

10. NEW BUSINESS: The committee recommended communicating faculty emeriti a request from a retirement center in Rochester Hills for speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

The next meeting will be on May 10, 2017, 1:00-3:00 pm, at a location to be determined.

-- Submitted by John Forsyth