

**Michigan State University Faculty Emeriti Association**  
**Steering Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes February 22, 2023**

- (1) Ric Hula convened the meeting at 1:00 pm. Member Present: John Baker, Richard Hula, John Forsyth, Charles Gliozzo, Stephen Harsh, Cindi Leverich, David Long, Richard Simonds, Gary Stone, and Jane Vieth
  
- (2) Approval of the Minutes- The minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2023, were approved.
  
- (3) Discussion of a letter drafted by Harsh to report to faculty emeriti on the 2021 survey. It was also recommended to draft a second letter reviewing work by the Steering Committee trying to determine the suitability of the Humana Medicare Advantage plan. There was a discussion of differences between basic Medicare, Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplemental plans. Providers might accept Medicare and Medicare Supplemental patients, but can be selective on Medicare Advantage patients based on whether the provider and the HMO (insurer) have negotiated a contract agreeing to the insurer's payment levels.
  
- (4) Hula sat in on an interview for HR directors. One of possibly three candidates interviewed so far. Candidate had a background in business world HR.
  
- (5) Hula will draft a letter to the university administration expressing support from the FEA as the university recovers from the shootings of February 13, 2023. A separate letter to emeriti could offer sympathy and support.
  
- (6) Lectures: Gliozzo reported February 7, 2023, Farah Hanley and Scoot Wamsley from the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will discuss developments relating to services to senior. On March 21, 2023, William Chopik will present "A Tail of Influence: How Humans and Pets Shape Each Other's Happiness."
  
- (7) FEA participation in the search for the next president of the university: Hula had sent a letter to the chair of the Board of Trustees with no response. Requests are being received from a large number of constituencies. The FEA would like a seat at the table. FEA will reach out to Karen Kelly-Blake, University Council and Tyler Silvestry, Secretary for Academic Governance who seem to be involved in that process.
  
- (8) Stone: Faculty Senate discussed pushing for university investments to be pulled from non-green businesses. Also discussed presidential search.

(9) Hula received a positive response from Interim President Woodruff to a letter suggesting partnership in a survey of departments and colleges regarding their connections to emeriti. Steering Committee to send suggestions to Hula on items to survey.

(10) Leverich: The office will be moving to space in the Library after spring semester which could give access for FEA committee meetings in that building. This prompted a suggestion to return to in-person or hybrid meetings.

Adjourned at 2:12pm

Next meeting March 15, 2023, 1:00pm

Submitted by John Forsyth