

Michigan State University Faculty Emeriti Association
Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes January 24, 2024

Ric Hula convened the meeting at 1:00 pm in Room 27, 1407 South Harrison.

Those Present: John Baker, Peter Berg, Anne Ferguson, John Forsyth, Stephen Harsh, Richard Hula, Cindi Leverich, David Long (via Zoom), Richard Simonds, Gary Stone, and Jane Vieth.

Not Present: Charles Gliozzo.

Requests to nominate individuals and units for awards went to deans, directors and chairs in mid-January and are due March 5.

Long proposed changing Steering Committee meetings to the last Wednesday of the month so that both the Academic Council and the Academic Senate could have already met and reports could be more current. Harsh will arrange a meeting room and the next meeting will be February 28, 2024.

Given the new process for denoting emeritus status the committee asked to recommend edits to the letter sent to retiring faculty and to make more visible the option of using the emeritus and emerita designations in lieu of the “emeritum” designation.

Lectures have restarted. The venue is MSUFCU branch on Mt. Hope Road, second Wednesday of the month, 2:00 pm. On January 10 Professor Jane Vieth spoke about Joseph P. Kennedy with material based on her book, “Tempting all the Gods.” On February 4 Joan Rose will discuss wastewater surveillance for monitoring pandemic response. Bill Punch will discuss issues related to the use of Artificial Intelligence March 13. A summer break will follow with the next talk in September, possibly moving to the third Wednesday to space the event away from meetings of the MSU Retirees Association.

There was considerable discussion of health benefits and the coming request for proposals for a contract to follow the end of the current Humana contract.

Next meeting, February 28, 2024, 1:00 pm, Room 27 1407 South Harrison.

Submitted by John Forsyth