

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

Stephen Harsh convened the meeting at 1:00 in Room 27, 1407 South Harrison.

-Present: John Baker, Peter Berg (minutes), Anne Ferguson, Stephen Harsh, Jane Vieth

-A zoom option for attendance was available, but nobody connected.

-Approval of Agenda approved after Jane noted that she is not director of Oral History Project

-Approval of Minutes, February 28, 2024; approved

Projects and Committee Reports

Lecture Series

-First lecture date in Fall 2024 in person on Thursday, September 19; all other Fall lectures in person on 3rd Wednesday of month. No lecture in December.

-Special Lecture-David Lusch, *Operation Neptune*, June 6.

Healthcare- Gary Stone

Faculty Senate-Peter Berg

-Agendas and Minutes available at <https://acadgov.msu.edu/facultysenate>

-The March 19 meeting was the first for President Kevin Guskiewicz, who in his first three months at MSU is visiting a number of units to acquaint himself with the University.

-A resolution in favor MSU divesting from companies contributing arms to Israel was voted down.

-Jack Lipton announced that the MSU Congress voted 1,512-55 in favor of removing Trustees Rema Vassar and Dennis Denno.

-At the April 19 meeting, a letter signed by 90 MSU faculty was read protesting the Senate's vote not to approve divestiture.

-A recommendation was made from the Safe Environment Task Force

-The interim head of Public Safety gave a report on policing at MSU

University Council- Anne Ferguson

-Agendas and minutes available at <https://acadgov.msu.edu/universitycouncil>

Faculty Awards- John Baker

-The 2024 MSU Emeriti Association award recipient is Paul Cooke, Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, who will received in the award on May 1, 2024 at the Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony in Kellogg Center.

New Business

-Jane Vieth and Anne Ferguson will serve on nominating committee to recommend individuals for Steering Committee

Call for recommendations for lecture speakers

-Stephen will invite Professor Richard Lenski to speak at the September lecture.

-Other recommendations were Deb McCulloch (invasive species); Jeff Andressen (climate change); Ted Batterson (Great Lakes fish); new head of MSU Museum; Terrie Taylor; someone to speak on MSU's Age Alive program.