

# **Michigan State University Faculty Emeriti Association**

Steering Committee Meeting

24 September 2025, 1:00 pm

Community Room Meridian

Township Main Fire Station

## **MINUTES**

Present: T. Carr, J. Goddeeris (guest), S. Harsh (Chair), C. Leverich, F. Honhart, B. Smith (guest), J. Forsyth. By Zoom: J. Baker and J. Vieth.

### Opening Comments – Steve Harsh

1. Changes or additions to the agenda. None
2. Approval of prior meetings minutes – John Forsyth– Prior meeting, April 23, 2025 Approved
3. Projects and committee reports.
  - a. Lecture Series – Steve Harsh
    - Lectures for coming year will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month
    - The September lecture featured College of Music Dean James Forger and a saxophone quartet. October 15 will have Charles Keith and November 19 Kent Ames.
  - Healthcare – Gary Stone: Not present
  - b. Faculty Senate – Peter Berg: Not present
  - c. University Council – Jane Vieth obtaining council meeting dates.
  - d. Faculty Awards – John Baker: Work starts in December 2024-2025 awards went to Lauri Kaguni, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and John Wang, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
  - e. Technology Projects – John Forsyth: FEA now is using a video camera property of the Office of the Provost to record monthly seminars for placement on MediaSpace
  - f. Oral History Project – Looking for a person to lead the project.
  - g. Comments regarding ever-changing adjustments, new developments and trends in central administration – Cindy Leverich: Office of the Provost reorganized. Suggested meeting with new Provost and Teresa Masten. New retirement incentive under discussion would be an enhanced emeritus standing with funding for research but no salary. Approximately 400 faculty would be eligible.
4. Old Business
  - a. Possible new Steering Committee Members (human medical colleges, com arts, business, nat sci, etc.) Harsh made a plea for seeking new members for the Steering Committee.
  - b. Noted that statement drafted by Ric Hula after the most recent meeting in April had not been addressed. Suggested including on October agenda.
5. New Business
  - a. Update on “Prime Time” – John Goddeeris

- b. Information on the Retiree Association proposed “Senior University”: FEA, MSURA, Age Alive, the Office of the Provost, and East Lansing senior Prime Time have independently discussed establishing a program of independent, short time span (e.g. four to six sessions) learning sessions for seniors in the community. Smith, Goddeeris, Leverich and Harsh will each propose two individuals for an ad hoc committee to establish concrete steps to take.

6. Adjournment at 2:12.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2025, 1407 S Harrison Room 125.

The November and December meetings will be combined into a single meeting on December 3, 2025, to avoid the matter of the respective third Wednesdays falling on the days before Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, respectively.