MSU Emeriti Faculty Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
209 Olds Hall
December 20, 2006 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Stone, Reid, Gliozzo, Medick, Sommers, Funk, Greenbaum, Forsyth, Ishino, Wickert and Shaw

I. Welcome

Chair Stone welcomed the group and noted that the next four meetings of the Steering Committee will be on January 24, February 21, March 20 and April 25. He noted that the March 20 meeting is on a Tuesday and not on the regular Wednesday date.

Stone said he had met with Don Jost and Mary McCartney of the MSU Retiree Association for lunch on October 31. The purpose was to keep communicating with each other so that no conflicts develop. He informed Don Jost of the possible trip to Indiana and the fact that we would be meeting with Dr. Potchen and holding a “think tank” session to develop future directions for the FEA. Don Jost wanted to know if we had any interest in a possible joint office with their association. He mentioned the possibility of space being available in the MSU Credit Union. We agreed to meet again in early February 2007.

Stone also met with Jon Sticklen (November 7) to discuss the FEA being represented on University faculty committees. Dr. Sticklen agrees that we should be represented and he will push to get Dr. Powell to get us represented on the Health Care Study Group. He also said that he would come to our “think tank” session to help us develop ideas. Dr. Potchen will try to get the rules modified so that the FEA could be seated in the Academic Council.

Chair Stone reminded the group of the upcoming seminar by Dr. Greenberg. The seminar will be before we meet again so he wanted to make sure that the Steering Committee put the January 11 date on their calendars.

II. The minutes of the October 18, 2006 meeting were approved with changes noted.

III. Updates:
A. MSU Retiree Association

Professor Wickert updated the Committee on The Retiree Association meeting. He said that the Provost would be the speaker at the May Retirees banquet. He indicated that the Retirees Association would be putting together a task force to study the
potential for space in the MSU Credit Union. There should be space considering the fact that the credit union is building a new building and they plan on keeping the old one. Another activity being planned is a membership drive with a “fun” day scheduled with the goal to get people together and make an effort to get people to become active in their association.

B. Representation on University Committees
Professor Stone asked for directions on how the Steering Committee should move on the Faculty Affairs Health Care Study. Professor Rovner attended a recent meeting of that group. He attended because Mary McCartney was out of town and unable to attend. We still have not been put officially on the Committee but we did get word on the meeting that Dr. Rovner attended. Dr. Rovner sent an email and indicated that he thought we should continue to attend until Mary McCartney was able to start attending. She will be unable to attend for several weeks in 2007 because of a medical issue. Stone said that he would attend until Mary McCartney was able to resume her activities.

C. Awards Committee
Professor Gliozzo indicated that a meeting had been held by the Awards Committee and letters to Deans and Department Chairs will be sent out in January with the idea that nominations for the awards will be sent back in by late February. The awards will be made at the April Retiree luncheon.

D. Lecture/Seminar Committee
Professor Gliozzo provided information on the January 11, 2007 Seminar titled Media Body Images and Eating Disorders. It will be presented by Dr. Bradley Greenberg. Dr. Greenberg will be introduced by Professor Sommers. Professor Reid will send out the email notice the week prior to the presentation.

A discussion developed about holding a one-half day program that would include issues on aging and the Dr. Rose Zacks lecture. In was decided by the Steering Committee that it would not be a good idea to try at this date to develop a program around the already arrange talk by Dr. Zacks. The Steering Committee did like the idea of a program or programs on aging and so the discussion will continue but not connected with the Dr. Zacks lecture.

E. On another issue, Dr. Gliozzo said that the trip planned to Bloomington, Indiana would be delayed until spring when the weather would be better.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned a 3:40 p.m.