

MSU Emeriti Faculty Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
443B Administration Building
11-09-05 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Stone, Gliozzo, Ishino, Kimball, Sommers, Reid, Medick, Rovner, Vanosdall, Forsyth, and Greenbaum
Visitor: Professor Bauer
Staff: Shaw

- I. Chair Stone welcomed the group. It was noted that the next three meetings would be held on: December 7 2005, and the 2006 meetings would be on January 5, and February 1. from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in 443B Administration Building.
- II. The minutes from the October 19, 2005 meeting were approved.
- III. Professors Reid informed the group of the activities of the MSU Retirees Association. Professor Stone indicated that he had lunch with Don Yost, the Retiree Association President. It was agreed that the two associations would write an article explaining the goals of each association. It was also agreed that the associations would keep in close contact so that each would know full information on goals and projects.
- IV. Professor Gliozzo informed the group of new opportunities that exist in international programs.
- V. Updates:
 - A. Professor Gliozzo detailed efforts in developing an award for the MSU unit that excels provides opportunities for faculty emeriti. In addition, an individual award is being considered for an emeriti faculty person that is giving outstanding work to MSU. Dr. Gliozzo handed out a suggested revised letter that could be used to solicit nominees for the awards. Stone, Gliozzo and Shaw will work on the letter and discuss the method of distributing the application to the University units.
 - B. A lengthy discussion of the upcoming Lecture/Seminar series took place. The Dr. Goldstein lecture would be on November 29, 2005 from 2-3:30 p.m. Professor Kimball agreed to introduce Dr. Goldstein. The Dr. deBlij lecture will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2006. Professor Sommers agreed to introduce the speaker. Professor Reid will email faculty emeriti about the lecture. This has proved to be a big help in getting the information to retirees. Stone indicated that he would prepare a notice for the MSU News to announce the upcoming lectures.

- C. Professor Stone reported on steps taken in the communication to emeriti faculty. meeting with the Deans of the various units on campus. Several Deans have already been approached with information on the Faculty Emeriti Association. It is an important step in getting information out to the academic units about the goals of the Association.
- D. A discussion on the renovation of 209 Olds Hall took place. Dr. Shaw indicated that the bathroom will be removed and so the space can be used for storage purposes. The new furniture for the office has been ordered and should be in place before the end of the year.
We will look into the potential to have newspapers delivered to the room and the Chronicle of Higher Education.
- E. Rovner, Funk and Vanosdall met and reported on the faculty survey that had been completed. They discussed the needed follow-up to the survey and methods for analyzing the results of the survey. They worked on a method for developing a workable information base so that the results can be of use for bringing the faculty and the university units together.
- F. Stone reported that the Red Cedar Log was still interested in getting help from the Association. He will write to several Deans and see if they have current or retired faculty that might be willing to help. They seem to need help from faculty in Arts and Letters, Business and Communication Arts. He asked the group for suggestions on how to approach this request.

VI. Other Issues

- A. Professor Gliozzo introduced Professor Anthony Tony Bauer, Emeriti Faculty from Geography. He discussed various opportunities for students, and faculty to obtain grants for overseas projects. These involve scholarship for students, teaching opportunities for faculty in foreign countries and specific grants aimed at benefiting foreign countries. Specific grants will be provided to projects promoting health, and environmental issues such as clean water etc.
- B. Professor Ishino suggested that 10 minutes or so of each of our meetings should be devoted to a discussion of issues of interest to the Committee. Topics of current interest, book reviews, University and other issues of general interest could be discussed. This would give the Committee a little time to discuss issues and get insight into interests of the Committee members. Professor Stone said that he would

put a discussion period at the end of our next meeting to see if the group would like
put this as a permanent part of each of our meeting.