

MSU Faculty Emeriti Association  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
443B Administration Building  
12-07-05, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Stone, Gliozzo, Ishino, Kimball, Sommers, Reid, Rovner, Wickert, Vanosdall, Forsyth, and Greenbaum

Staff: Shaw

- I. Chair Stone welcomed the group. It was noted that the next three meetings would be held on: January 5, 2006, February 1, 2006 and March 1, 2006 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The January meeting will be held in 443B Administration Building and the February and March meetings will be in the Board Room of the Administration Building. It is possible that the meeting locations could be moved to 209 Olds Hall if the new furniture has arrived. The Committee will be notified if there is to be a change in the meeting location.
- II. The minutes from the November 9, 2005 meeting were approved.
- III. Professor Wickert informed the group of the activities of the MSU Retirees Association. Professor Stone indicated that he had lunch with Don Jost, the Retiree Association President. It was agreed that the two associations would write an article explaining the goals of each association. Professor Wickert noted that the deadline date for getting an article in the "Spartan Senior Citizen" was December 20. Stone said that he would try to get information to the Association on the next Seminar/Lecture speaker.
- IV. The next lecture of the MSU Faculty Emeriti Association will be on January 12, 2006. Dr. H. J. deBlij would be the speaker and his topic will be "Reflections on Environmental Geography Behind Human History". Dr. Sommers agreed to introduce the speaker and he provided the group with information on the speaker's background and a summary of the talk. Dr. Gliozzo said that he would check with the staff in the Radiology Department to make sure coffee would be available for the talk. Stone said that he would put an ad in the MSU News Bulletin and possibly an article on the speaker. Professor Reid will send out an email to retirees to encourage them to attend.

It was agreed that at the next meeting in January the Committee would select additional speakers for the rest of 2006.

- V. Updates:
  - A. 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 workable information base so that the results can be of used for bringing the faculty and the university units together. Stone and Funk will meet and develop a letter to those that responded to the survey. The idea is to let them know that their response was appreciated and to request further information. Funk, Rovner and Vanosdall recommended that we develop a series of discussion groups of those that responded to the survey. Further information could be requested in the letter that will send to those that answered our survey. A motion was made and approved to proceed with developing the interest groups. A position paper was distributed to the Committee that would form the basis for such action.

B. Professor Gliozzo reported that the letter announcing the annual award to unit and individuals was being developed. Further information will be available at the next meeting.

C. A discussion on the renovation of 209 Olds Hall took place. Dr. Shaw indicated that the bathroom fixtures have been removed and the space can now be used for storage purposes. The new furniture for the office has been ordered will be delivered on 12-09-05. Shaw and Funk will be there to make sure that the delivery and setup completed. We will look into the potential to have newspapers delivered to the room and the Chronicle of Higher Education. Dr. Shaw said that he would go to Salvage and see if any computers are available. He also will check into the cost and availability of a water dispenser for hot and cold water.

D. Stone reported that the Red Cedar Log was still interested in getting help from the Association. He indicated that he had not written to the Deans as he indicated at the last meeting. He plans on doing it within the next 7-10 days. .

C. Other Issues:

At the last meeting, Professor Ishino suggested that 10 minutes or so of each of 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. Professor Ishino talked about the topics of professionalism and ethical behavior. A very lively discussion took place with many on the Committee being able to relate experiences to this topic. Discussion of courses in leadership to specific examples of ethical problems took place. It was agreed that we would have such discussion in our meetings in the future.

