

MSU Faculty Emeriti Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
209 Olds Hall November 28, 2007, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Stone, Sparrow, Forsyth, Shaw, Nelson, Fischer, Ishino, Rivera, Wickert, Adams, Ferris, Medic and Gliozzo. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

I. ATTENDANCE AT UNIVERSITY MEETINGS

- Chairman Stone reported that the one hour and 45 minute Faculty Council Meeting spent the entire time considering how to approach the agenda; Stone reported that Roger Funk advised him that the Academic Council adjourned after a half hour since there was no quorum. (Question: Does the Steering Committee member count as part of the quorum?) Adams reported that she had been given the wrong date for the Trustee Meeting.

II. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Ferris reported that she had explored the possibility of undertaking an oral history project as discussed at the previous meeting. Members of the MSU Museum staff have expertise in this area and have indicated a willingness to discuss the project and assist after the middle of January. Ferris shared a draft of questions for the committee to discuss and consider before undertaking this project. First and foremost is the question of the purpose to be accomplished. The group's preference would be to make this an oral – not video – project and be clear about its scope, making it complementary to other projects related to University history and probably inclusive, rather than limited to emeriti faculty. Gliozzo indicated that the Voice Library has the capacity and willingness to be a partner in recording people. A motion by Adams, seconded by Nelson, was approved that the committee endorse the idea of undertaking an oral history project. Further discussion will be an agenda item at the December meeting. Nelson, Gliozzo and Shaw will join Ferris in discussions with museum staff members after the first of the year.

III. PARTICIPATION IN AROHE

- A discussion was held concerning the desirability of joining the AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education). The cost is \$1 0 0 per year, with three persons specified in the university membership. Believing that it would be a good information source, a

motion by Forsyth, seconded by Sparrow, was approved to join the organization. Officers will be listed as MSU representatives.

IV. ESTABLISHING A CIC SUB-COMMITTEE/INTEREST GROUP

- During the Indiana University visit, the question of having an emeriti group as part of the CIC was considered, and MSU was encouraged to pursue this matter. Members of the Steering Committee suggested that perhaps IU should take the lead in this matter, but Shaw will explore the appropriate process with Dr. Robert Banks, who has had experience in establishing a new group within the CIC framework.

V. BY-LAW ISSUES

- The Chair indicated that members should review the By-laws so that appropriate changes can be made before the spring meeting of the group; he asked officers and committee chairs to prepare definitions of their functions since such information does not currently exist.

VI. VISITS WITH DEANS AND CENTER DIRECTORS

- The possibility of forming teams to visit Deans and the Directors of various centers to discuss the Emeriti Association and ways that we might be of meaningful assistance was discussed. An organization chart will be shared at the next meeting to identify those units where a visit might be appropriate.

VII. RETIREE ASSOCIATION NEWS

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VIII. LECTURE SEMINAR SERIES

- Dr. Steven Harsh will be the seminar speaker on December 12th; his topic will be “Wind Power, Energy Options for the Future.” Forsyth will introduce the speaker. A number of future seminar speakers were identified for follow-up by Fischer (Dietz, Trosko, Liedholm, Meadows, Verdehr). The tentative date for the January seminar is January 22, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

