

MSU Faculty Emeriti Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2008
1:30–3:30 p.m.
209 Olds Hall

The meeting of the Steering Committee of the MSU Faculty Emeriti Association was called to order by the Chairman with the following members present: Gliozzo, Adams, Nelson, Ferris, Harper-Jones, Ishino, Wickert, Forsythe, Sparrow and Stone.

I. OPENING COMMENTS

- Stone reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Bill Simpson, who was elected to the Steering Committee last year. He also indicated that letters had been sent to members of the Association requesting nominations to the Steering Committee and to John Powell, Chair of the University Committee on Faculty Affairs, requesting representation on the MSU Health Task Force.
- The minutes of the previous meeting on February 20, 2008 were approved as corrected.

II. FEA NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: THE COMMITTEE

- (Gliozzo, Stone, Rivera, Forsythe and Harper-Jones) met to discuss possible nominees for the Steering Committee and the upcoming spring meeting. A future meeting will determine the time and place for the business meeting, election of Steering Committee members and possible by-law changes. There is interest in having a luncheon meeting and perhaps a speaker.

III. AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

- The Awards Committee (Gliozzo, Stone, Ishino, Greenbaum and Leo Deal) met to consider the 11 individual nominees and four unit award nominations. Two awards in each category will be presented at the Retiree Luncheon in April. Receiving awards will be Les Manderscheid and Russ Erickson and the Departments of Horticulture and Radiology. There was considerable discussion concerning the appropriate criteria for these awards. Some suggestions were: retiree's contribution since retiring, extent to which retiree is a role model for those looking toward retirement, breadth of retiree's contributions since retiring ala the University's land grant mission.

IV. LECTURE/SEMINAR SERIES

- There will be a presentation by Dennis Fijalkowski on “Michigan is Cougar Country” on Thursday, March 27 in the Radiology Building. It was suggested that a fall speaker might be a person able to discuss the “Lost Boys,” which will be the topic of the book selected for the next campus-community read.

V. UPDATES

- A. Wickert reported that the next dead-line for the Retiree Association newsletter is April 14; the annual luncheon of that group will be held on May 12, 2008 in the Big Ten room of Kellogg Center.
- B. Ferris reported that no meeting with Museum staff had been held to develop next steps regarding the Oral History Project. She will continue efforts to schedule a meeting.
- C. Gliozzo shared a mock up, prepared by Funk, of what the On-line Journal might look like and shared the thinking to date about the publication, which appears to have administrative support – including financial support. The publication would likely be published twice a year at the start. A number of critical issues will need to be resolved: role and composition of an advisory or editorial board, manner of calling for papers, nature of publication (i.e. thematic vs. diversified) and extent to which creative products such as poetry, short stories and/or memoirs would be included.

VI. OTHER

- 0. The brochure about the Association and Steering Committee must be updated and readied for distribution at the April Retirees’ Luncheon.
- 1. It was noted that Stone, Funk and Adams are continuing to attend the Faculty and Academic Councils and Board of Trustee Meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. (The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2008.)