

MSU Faculty Emeriti Association  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 18, 2009  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
209 Olds Hall

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Forsyth at 1: 30 p.m. with the following members present: Adams, Birdwell, Forsyth, Gliozzo, Mather, Nelson, Rivera, Rovner, Sparrow, and Stone.

A. Cindi Leverich from the Office of Faculty and Organizational Development asked for participation in a focus group as part of her masters degree project. Gliozzo, Mather, Rovner, Sparrow, Stone and Forsyth volunteered. Cindi Leverich then left to attend to another commitment.

2. The minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.
3. Awards and Nominations Committees: Gliozzo and Stone reported that Professors Leo Deal, Bernard Gallin, Bruce Miller and James Rainey have agreed to review nominations for the emeriti awards.

The group noted a preference for holding the spring meeting in May. Members are asked to think of emeriti who could be asked to serve on the steering committee. Stone will lead the effort to produce a slate.

4. Lecture/Seminar Series: It was noted that over 40 people had responded indication they planned to attend Zachary Constan's lecture on February 26, 2009.
5. Emeriti Survey: Ed Mather presented a draft of the survey instrument, based largely on that used in 2005. It was also recommended that the cover letter stipulate that information from the responses will not be shared with fund raising interests.
6. Oral History Project: Linda Nelson presented a consent form that both the Libraries and Archives have agreed to accept. Interviews can proceed at any time using this form. John Shaw is the contact at the Library. He asked for approximately a one-week notice to be sure equipment is ready.
7. Communications Committee: The communication on behalf of the Julian Samora Research Institute is ready to be disseminated to the emeriti email list.
8. FEA "Place" at Indiana University Emeriti House: Mather and Gliozzo reported on a meeting at which they and Greenbaum discussed approaches to this issue. Mather will develop a strategic plan that explains the need for space to do the FEA work.
9. Academic and Faculty Councils, Health Care Task Force: Stone indicated that the advisory groups considering health care options meet once or twice per month, but when specific decisions are made, there probably will be a much shorter time frame between

proposal and action. He suggested that if he sees specific proposals, he plans to ask for a quick ad-hoc meeting of the Steering Committee.

10. Board of Trustees: Pauline Adams reported that the February 2009 meeting of the Board of Trustees focused on financial concerns. The Board had not decided how cuts in state funding could be met. The opinion was voiced by a Board member that the University was running on a minimal budget already, and cuts in state assistance would force tuition increases. The University was looking toward the possibility of stimulus package funds. Professor Mark Kornbluh briefed the Board on Matrix, his work bringing technology to the social sciences and humanities.

11. MSU Retiree Association: Forsyth noted that the May 11 Annual Meeting of the MSU Retirees Association will feature Tim Skubick as the guest speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Schedule of Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee meeting dates through July, 2009:

1. March 18, 2009
2. April 15, 2009
3. May 20, 2009
4. June 17, 2009
5. July 15, 2009

Meetings will be 1:30-3:30 p.m., Room 209 Olds Hall.

Submitted by: John Forsyth