

MSU Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 18 November 2009
1:30-3:30 p.m. 204 International Center

The meeting of the MSU Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee was called to order at 1:30 in Room 204 in the International Center by Chairman John Forsyth. Attendees: Adams, Forsyth, Gliozzo, Greenbaum, G. Hudson, R. Hudson, Mather, Nelson, Rivera, Rovner, Shaw, Sparrow.

1. The minutes of 28 October 2009 were approved.
2. There was no new information on the Health Care Task Force except that the Human Resources mailing has been delayed.
3. The oral history link has been posted on the FOD web site.
4. There is no information as yet concerning the distribution of the magazines which were collected.
5. The library program for Emeriti Faculty has been well received and Forsyth will contact the library to determine the feasibility of continuing the programs in Spring semester.
6. There was no report from Faculty Council. G. Hudson reported that Academic Council is pleased with the percentage of response received from their questionnaire sent to active faculty.
7. Adams reported on the meeting of the Board of Trustees which focused on budget matters. Provost Wilcox reported on Shaping the Future in which some academic activities will increase while others will decrease or disappear. The Provost said that the specific items did not originate in the Provost's office. Some 50 administrative titles among deans and related offices are slated to disappear. Nonacademic units are also being examined for possible cuts. The 10 percent reduction in health care costs is to be completed by December. The remainder of the meeting was used for presentations by supporters of units which are being considered for elimination. These were passionate and included bringing in national level representatives from out-of-state.
8. Forsyth reported that work continues toward achieving legal status for the MSU Retirees' Association.
9. Forsyth indicated that a decision is yet to be made regarding the 2010 Retirees' Luncheon. If this is not held, it is suggested that the Steering Committee awards can be given at the Spring meeting when new members are also welcomed. It was suggested that nominating materials be edited and distributed for the awards. It is recommended that non committee members be used to review the nominations for awards as this was very successful last year. How to secure new members of the Steering Committee was briefly discussed.
10. Forsyth indicated that the Steering Committee needs to attend to Bylaws revisions in Dec.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20.

Penned by Linda Nelson