

MSU Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 27 January 2010 1:30-3:30 p.m. 302 International Center

The meeting of the Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee was called to order at 1:30 in Room 302 in the International Center by Chairperson John Forsyth. Attendees: Adams, Bader, Birdwell, Forsyth, Funk, Gliozzo, B. Hudson, G. Hudson, Nelson, Rivera, Rovner, Shaw, Sparrow, Stone.

1. The minutes of 16 December 2009 were approved.
2. Forsyth introduced the background for the discussion of the Faculty Emeriti Association as a separate and free-standing entity. Then Shaw, the liaison to the committee from the Office of Faculty and Organizational Development (FOD) in the Provost's Office, indicated the questions which had been raised concerning the possible change of the committee to a free-standing entity. Shaw apologized for the lack of responses to the questions due to the fact that many members of the Provost's office have been on travel assignments during recent weeks. He hopes that he will have responses to prior questions and new ones raised in today's discussion by our next meeting. The major questions relate to the meaning of free-standing and its implications. There are also questions concerning the committee's status with voice, but no vote on Academic and Faculty Councils. It is assumed that when the new by-laws of those groups are approved, that standing will be maintained.
3. Funk reported that Karin Wurst, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, will be our seminar speaker on 18 February 2010.
4. With respect to the Health Care Task Forces, Rovner and Funk reported on their attendance at the meetings regarding the generic drug program. They indicated there is still confusion among the general university public regarding the changes which go into effect 1 March 2010. MSU people are supposed to receive personal letters about their situations and their physicians are supposed to receive copies of these letters. Stone reported on some of the findings of the health survey of active faculty made by Faculty Affairs. Since PHP has been purchased by Blue Cross there will be fewer options in the future. There was some discussion of an employer provided on-campus health care clinic.
5. G. Hudson reported that Academic Council passed the UCC report without discussion. Stone reported that Faculty Council is voting on the by-laws changes line-by-line. The section relating to the permanent (rather than year by year) status of our voice without vote membership does not specify the Faculty Emeriti Association specifically, but rather states that there will be a representative of the emeriti faculty without indicating a source for identifying that person.
6. Adams reported that there was no Board of Trustees Meeting in December and that the January meeting is yet to come.
7. There was no new information related to the MSU Retiree Association.

8. Gliozzo indicated that the deadline for the submissions for our awards is 22 February and that there are already submissions for one individual and one unit. Shaw reported that there will be a retirees' luncheon on 13 April and that the awards can be presented there.
9. Birdwell sought more information concerning the nominating committee and suggested that until we understand the meaning and implications of the possible change to a separate and free-standing entity it may be wise not to seek nominees too vigorously. However, she requested that we continue to think about potential new members.
10. The committee voted unanimously to reactivate our membership in the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education at a cost of \$100.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10.

Penned by Linda Nelson