

MSU Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 24 February 2010 1:30-3:30 p.m. 302 International Center

The meeting of the Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee was called to order at 1:35 in Room 302 in the International Center by Chairperson John Forsyth. Attendees: Adams, Birdwell, Ferris, Fischer, Forsyth, Gliozzo, Greenbaum, B. Hudson, G. Hudson, Nelson, Shaw, Sparrow, Stone.

1. The minutes of 27 January 2010 were approved.
2. Shaw reported that he had still been unable to unite all of the pertinent personnel to discuss the meaning of a separate and free-standing entity. However, on the basis of discussion with some of these people he encouraged us to keep moving forward, become stronger, and continue our seminars. He also suggested that having our own webmaster could be helpful. He hopes to be able to define separate and free-standing more clearly for our next meeting.
3. Fischer requested reactions to our recent seminar. There was some discussion that the ideas proposed by Dean Wurst overlap the functions of Evening College. Some suggestions for future speakers were made. March seminar plans are still pending. The April seminar will be presented in the Radiology Auditorium on 14 April by Judith Kaufmann on Global Health Diplomacy.
4. Stone reported that the Faculty Affairs Health Task force is the only one of the two prior committees still functioning. The major concerns are cost and quality of care. There is discussion of a possible future university facility in which retirees are not a primary focus.
5. People are again encouraged to register for the spring programs for Emeriti before they are opened to others.
6. G. Hudson reported on the Academic Council's discussion of budget and potential calendar changes in Spring Semester starting later and allowing time in January for other experiences.
7. Adams reported from the Board of Trustees that MSU ranks 49th in Federal support to education, that health concerns at MSU deal with cost and quality, and that the standardized green use was much discussed. Adams also reported that thought-provoking presentations are made by faculty about their research – the most recent being about hyenas. There was feedback by forestry students about how restructuring of their program might affect accreditation and a group of about 30 deaf students with an interpreter talked about the importance of their program.
8. Forsyth reported that the MSU Retiree Association is concerned about the effect of the generic drug program.
9. Gliozzo indicated that there are three applications for our award (one unit and two individual).

10. Birdwell reported on the search for new members and appealed for further suggestions.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Penned by Linda Nelson