

MSU Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 28 April 2010, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 204 International Center

The meeting of the Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee was called to order at 1:37 in Room 204 of the International Center by Chairperson John Forsyth. Attendees: Adams, Birdwell, Ferris, Fischer, Forsyth, Gliozzo, Nelson, Rovner, Shaw, Sparrow, Stone.

1. The minutes of 24 March were approved.
2. Forsyth and Rovner met with Funk who had asked to finish his tenure as computer communicator for the Committee. Problems still exist with the mailing lists. Rovner has agreed to take on this task and is working to consolidate five or more lists. A motion was made and approved to acknowledge Funk's work at the Annual Meeting on 26 May and Shaw was asked to arrange for a gift certificate.
3. With respect to the reorganization of the FEA as a free standing organization, Forsyth has met with members of the Provost's Office who indicated that the desire for the group to be more independent is because the personnel in the Provost's Office will be moving to other activities. FEA can still meet on campus without charge and will probably retain a small budget. We need to develop our own website distinct from our communications. Rovner needs someone to do the artistic part of a website. It was suggested that a student in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences might be interested in such a real project. Rovner will consult with Dean Whitten about this possibility.
4. Ferris moved and Adams seconded that Forsyth pursue the possibilities of a room in the Nisbet Building with a phone and Internet access, space for files and small group (3 or 4 persons) meetings, and occasional access to conference rooms in Nisbet. This was unanimously approved. Forsyth and Stone will pursue this.
5. Fischer reported that Carl Liedholm will speak on Friday, 4 June -- 1:30 refreshments, 2:00 presentation -- in Radiology on "Economics of College Sports: Is green and white more profitable than maize and blue?" Rovner will email the announcement. There was discussion of ways to increase the attendance at the Seminars.
6. No additional nominations for committee members are needed.
7. Ordinary mailing was discussed as a way to augment email announcements for various activities. The idea was not embraced.
8. Stone reported that at Faculty Council the termination of health benefits at retirement for new hires after 1 July, 2010 was announced. The Faculty Affairs Chair also indicated that raises for faculty will be very limited for the next year and that no merit raises are recommended. Forsyth reported that G. Hudson has not attended Academic Council recently; however, there is a notice that Academic Council approved the new bylaws.
9. Adams reported that 24 students with 4.0 GPAs for their undergraduate programs attended the last meeting of the Board of Trustees prior to their graduation. The faculty research presentation was by William Schmidt from the College of Education about his

research on standings of public schools world wide. The US schools are low especially in math.

10. Forsyth reminded the Committee that at the Annual Luncheon of MSURA on Monday, 10 May, there will be a vote on the matter of incorporation.
11. Stone had no new information from the Health Care Task Force.
12. The next meeting is the spring Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 26 May in the Centennial Room in Kellogg Center from 2:45 to 4:00 pm.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18.

Penned by Linda Nelson