

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
Room 302 International Center

Chairperson Rainey called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Members in attendance: John Forsyth, Charles Gliozzo, Mary Kennedy, Bruce Miller, James Rainey, Evelyn Rivera, Albert Sparrow, and Gary Stone. Not attending: Pauline Adams, Jenny Bond, Bill Cambray, Joseph Chartkoff, Alan Fisher, Rita Gallin, Joyce Grant, David Rovner, and Jim Trosko. Visitor: Cindi Leverich (MSU-FOD) and Renee Miller Zientek (Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement).

The members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes for the meeting of April 9, 2014: the approval was postponed until the August meeting to allow for the April report of the Recognition Awards Committee to be included. The minutes of April 9, 2014 were approved. The minutes of the two meetings, annual meeting and regular meeting, of May 14, 2014 were approved.

Magazine Collection -- Gliozzo. Gliozzo reviewed the project which had started about 2009. Members donated old magazines and then staff from the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement distributed the magazines to retirement centers, care facilities and other sites. Renee Zientek described programs in which over 2,000 students are involved in service activities. She indicated that the Service Learning staff feels that organizations which previously received magazines no longer find a benefit. She recommended Fill the Bus, 50-60 Celebration (the 110 Challenge), and service days. It was suggested that it might be worth working with prospective magazine recipients. The FEA will look for ways to get information to retirees about the other opportunities.

FEA History Project – Joseph Chartkoff was not present.

Board of Trustees -- Pauline Adams was not present, but submitted a written report which Rainey read to the committee and which is copied here.

Board of Trustees – June 20, 2014

1. There were a dozen new appointments to the university: 2 in the Department of Entomology; 4 in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education; one each in the Departments of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Physics and Astronomy and the School of Social Work. Contracts of sports coaches were extended for one year as well as Mark Hollis's contract. Sanjay Gupta's title was changed to Acting Dean of the Eli Broad College of Business. John Baker's title was changed to Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine.
2. The Trustee's Finance Committee announced a tuition rise of 2.8%. The committee also claims that MSU operates with the third fewest dollars per student from the state in the Big Ten. Authorization was also granted to proceed on the building projects at Kellogg Center, at the FRIB project and the Simon Power Plant.
3. At this meeting, instead of a faculty member speaking about his or her research, an Honors College undergraduate, Pushel, spoke of research on "Fly Eyes and Cancer Proteins." Then Leah Harris, a graduate student in Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, spoke on "Using Conservation Actions to Reduce Algae Blooms in Lake Erie." She was specifically studying how farmers react

ct to different incentive packages for conservation practices in farming. In light of what happened in Toledo's recent water crisis, this research seemed particularly timely.

Adams also provided a detailed report – 22 pages – of gifts and grants to the university during the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Health Care – Gary Stone stated that the Faculty Health Care Committee is about to issue a report about its work on the on-campus health care clinic. Stone indicates that the clinic will be available to retirees. The plan is to reduce long term health care costs for the university.

Faculty Senate – Stone reported that MSU faculty senate has not met

Lecture Series – No lecture is yet scheduled for September.

University Council – Bruce Miller indicated the council had not yet met.

Oral History – Pauline Adams has interviewed Gretchen Millich, retired reporter for WKAR radio, and Gordon Guyer, Professor Emeritus of Entomology and President Emeritus of Michigan State University.

Discussed the matter of getting more people involved in the Steering Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Submitted by John Forsyth