

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2014
ROOM 302 INTERNATIONAL CENTER 1:00 PM

I. START OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson Rainey welcomed the committee members and called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Members in attendance: Pauline Adams, Jenny Bond, Joe Chartkoff, Alan Fisher, John Forsyth, Rita Gallin, Charles Gliozzo, Mary Kennedy, Evelyn Rivera, David Rovner, Albert Sparrow, Gary Stone, and Jim Trosko. Not attending: Bill Cambray, Joyce Grant, and Bruce Miller. Cindi Leverich of the Office of Faculty Organization and Development could not attend.

II. AGENDA OF THE MEETING:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting on October 8, 2014, were approved as modified to indicate that the Awards Committee will distribute materials for nominations in December 2014 and they will be due in February 2015. Motion to approve was made by Jim Trosko and seconded by Jenny Bond.

2. FEA HISTORY PROJECT:

Joe Chartkoff reported that he had completed the section on the history of the Faculty Emeriti Association about the Nominations Committee and had distributed it to members of the Steering Committee. He said he is working on the history of the Faculty Emeriti Association being involved in academic governance bodies, starting with the Faculty Senate, and plans to present the material for the February 2015 meeting.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Pauline Adams noted that the Board of Trustees met October 24, 2014. There were two new faculty appointments. Construction work was authorized for basketball locker rooms, Kellogg Center chilled water, 3rd and 4th floor build-outs in the Bioengineering Building, and the B-wing fume hood in the Life Sciences Building. A sustainability report stated that 71% of the university's energy use is from natural gas. The College of Engineering has a new Department of Bio-Engineering. A scholarship has been endowed to honor Herman King. Professor Kalyanmoy Deb described his research on the role of organization in solving tasks.

4. UNIVERSITY COUNCIL:

Bruce Miller was not present so there was no report on the University Council.

5. FACULTY SENATE AND HEALTH CARE:

Gary Stone reported that since the October meeting there have been 3 meetings and 4 focus groups on the issues of health care, prescription plans and the possible on-campus clinic. A major concern is that payments for specialty drugs and compound drugs are increasing at a high rate. After January 1, 2015 such prescriptions that will exceed \$300 per prescription will be reviewed before approval. Stone was alarmed that faculty participating in the focus groups were

unaware that the university is self-insured, in that the university pays directly for all health claims plus paying an administrative fee to Blue Cross. Excessive claims are borne by the university directly, not spread over the full customer base of Blue Cross.

The Faculty Senate met twice. On October 14, 2014 the Senate approved two new programs, 13 program changes and 3 program deletions, and it approved 58 new courses, 283 course changes and 31 course deletions. On November 11, 2014 there were 3 new, 13 changed and zero deleted programs and 13 new, 114 changed and zero course deletions.

6. LECTURE SERIES:

Jim Trosko reminded the group that on November 18, 2014 Ethan Segar will talk about the Fukushima disaster in Japan. He plans an early December talk by Cliff Welsh about preserving rare prairie grasses, mid-January Paul Satoh about surviving the Hiroshima attack, and in February or March Felicia Wu talking about food security.

7. ORAL HISTORY PROJECT:

Pauline Adams reported that Ron Fisher's on September 11th, is still the most recent. Other people are being contacted and she again encouraged members of the committee to conduct interviews or encourage other to interview.

8. RECOGNITION AWARDS PROJECT:

Jenny Bond reiterated that contacts will begin in December. It was suggested that prior winners, both individual and unit winners, especially be encouraged to submit nominees.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

On Friday November 11, 2014 Charles Gliozzo convened the ad hoc committee to review communications practices. Gliozzo, John Forsyth, Rita Gallin and David Rovner attended, Mary Kennedy could not attend, but sent a written statement raising the idea of a newsletter. Gliozzo started his report by distributing an email that gave the following summary of current practices:

The FEA communicates relative to two of its activities, the lecture series and the awards program.

Lecture Series Communications:

Rovner – emails to the list of known emeritus faculty

Forsyth – posts to the FEA web site

Forsyth – submits the event to the MSU Events calendar (in the past year the acceptance by the calendar managers has been very quick)

Williams – Sends an E-Notice to the MSU Retirees Association List-Serve. This covers both faculty and staff retirees.

Note that these are all internet-based communications. There is no print, radio nor television communications.

Awards Program Communications:

Rainey and Awards Committee Chair – letters to all units on campus.

Forsyth – posting on FEA web site

Williams – mention in an E-Notice

Glozzo then presented seven initiatives suggested by the committee which were discussed with no formal action. The initiatives were:

1. Produce an on-line newsletter with invited columns and announcements.
2. Mentor undergraduates. A dean raised this question to Rovner, and Rovner will investigate possible approaches with that dean.
3. Re-issue a survey of emeritus faculty. The most recent is about ten years old.
4. Develop a relationship with the administration.
5. Issue an annual report.
6. See if there is some form of an emeriti college that would fit MSU.
7. Participate in new faculty orientation.

Items 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 will be discussed with the Office of Faculty Organization and Development.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, at 1:00-3:00 PM Room 204 International Center

--Submitted by John Forsyth

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