

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14, 2015
ROOM 302 INTERNATIONAL CENTER

START OF THE MEETING:

Chairperson James Rainey called the meeting to order at 1:06pm. Other members in attendance: Pauline Adams, Jenny Bond, John Forsyth, Joyce Grant, Charles Gliozzo, Mary Kennedy, Albert Sparrow, Gary Stone, Jim Trosko, and Cindi Leverich of the Office of Faculty Organization and Development. Not attending: Bill Cambray, Joe Chartkoff, Alan Fisher, Rita Gallin, Bruce Miller, Evelyn Rivera, AND David Rovner.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting on December 10, 2014, were approved as amended to change the selection of the new representative to "... at the latest by the start of the 2015-2016 academic year." A stray character was removed at the end of item 6.

2. FEA HISTORY PROJECT:

This item was delayed pending Joe Chartkoff's planned return for the February meeting.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Pauline Adams was unable to attend the January 9, 2015 meeting of the Board of trustees, but made the following report on the December 12, 2014 meeting. Three women and three men were honored as graduating with perfect 4.0 grade point averages. There were four new appointments and 4 promotions with tenure. The Finance Committee approved work at the Children's Garden, the parking lot of the Community Music School, the A wing of Life Sciences, power for the FRIB, and upgrading the substation at the Simon Power Plant. Contracts were approved for nine outside firms. President Simon was given a raise. Professor Tyce DeYoung described ice cube neutrino work at the South Pole. During public comment four people spoke objecting to having George Will speak at commencement.

4. OLD BUSINESS – COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

This item was moved to this point in the agenda to accommodate members' time commitments. Gliozzo reported that he, John Forsyth, Mary Kennedy, Cindy Leverich, Jim Rainey and David Rovner met for lunch on Monday January 12 to discuss a survey of members and production of a newsletter. Cindy Leverich presented a draft of a survey instrument she developed following that meeting. Several changes and additions were proposed, and Cindy offered to send Rainey a revised version of the survey.

Mary Kennedy proposed ideas for a newsletter. A first issue will be prepared and distributed.

A subset of the Steering Committee will meet with Provost Yuatt.

5. FACULTY SENATE AND HEALTH CARE:

Gary Stone reported that the focus has been on the on-site clinic for faculty. The group needs to meet with the president and the budget office to discuss the proposal.

The Faculty Senate had not met since the December 10 Faculty Emeriti Association Steering Committee meeting.

6. LECTURE SERIES:

Trosko has speakers available through April 2015. Scheduling has become difficult because so many organizations have become aware of the Mt Hope credit union facility. He repeated his call for suggestions for speakers, and encouraged Steering Committee Members to consider speaking. The committee should consider whether a set schedule for seminars would help attendance, given that a site could be arranged.

7. ORAL HISTORY PROJECT:

Pauline Adams indicated that no further interviews had been completed and repeated her call for additional participation.

8. RECOGNITION AWARDS PROJECT:

Letters soliciting nominations have gone to deans, directors and chairpersons, and a follow-up will be done. February 26, 2015 is the deadline for submitting nominations for awards. Bond also asked committee members whose terms are expiring to consider being nominated for another term.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no further old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 1:00-3:00 PM Room 204 International Center

--Submitted by John Forsyth

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