

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2015
ROOM 204 INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Chairperson James Rainey called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Other members in attendance: Pauline Adams, Bill Cambray, Joe Chartkoff, John Forsyth, Rita Gallin, Joyce Grant, Charles Gliozzo, Mary Kennedy, David Rovner, Albert Sparrow, Gary Stone, and Jim Trosko. Not attending: Jenny Bond, Alan Fisher, and Bruce Miller.

Chairperson Rainey noted the passing of Evelyn Rivera, Professor Emeritus of Zoology, who was currently serving as the Vice-Chairperson of the Steering Committee and who died on January 27, 2015 following surgery for a brain tumor and further complications. Evelyn had served on the Steering Committee for several years, including early in the development of the Faculty Emeriti Association.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pauline Adams moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 14, 2015. Gary Stone seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. FEA HISTORY PROJECT:

Joe Chartkoff distributed a draft of his work on the Faculty Emeriti Association's connections with the Academic Council, now the University Council. Several suggestions were offered. Chartkoff estimates the work is about 75% completed. He expects his next report to be at the April 2015 meeting.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Pauline Adams attended the February 6, 2015 meeting of the Board of trustees. There was one new faculty appointment in Family Medicine for a person specializing in the study of substance abuse. Coach Dantonio's contract was extended by one year to 2021. The Finance Committee approved repair work at Hubbard Hall and the Engineering Building and authorized work to proceed on a building at the golf course (funded by a gift), building out floors 3 and 4 of the new Bioengineering Building, development in Grand Rapids and an office addition to the Cyclotron. Professor Eric Shapiro described work using nanotechnology to transform adult cells to stem cells which could have application in several areas of tissue regeneration. During public comment two people spoke supporting a task force to ban smoking on campus and one applauding efforts as assisting disabled veterans.

4. FACULTY SENATE AND HEALTH CARE:

Gary Stone reported that the Health Care committee meets twice a month and has been working on reports to be made to the administration regarding the proposed on-site clinic for faculty. The Health Care committee is interested in using further focus groups or other methods to get more input from potential clients.

The Faculty Senate met January 20 and passed several course and curriculum changes. There was a presentation related to relationship violence and sexual abuse. A major point was that when someone mentions to a faculty or staff member that they have been subjected to violence

or sexual abuse, the faculty or staff member is obligated to report it to the university and to the police.

5. LECTURE SERIES:

In March Mark Riemers will talk about neuroscience focusing on the evolution of the brain and the mind. On May 25, Miestro Timothy Muffet will describe the course of music in the 20th century. Fifty to eighty people attend each lecture, with considerable variation in the makeup of the audience. Trosko repeated his desire to have a set schedule for seminars would help attendance, given that a site could be arranged.

6. ORAL HISTORY PROJECT:

Pauline Adams encouraged additional participation in interviews. Discussion suggested that there might be interesting interviews around the development of specific programs at the university.

7. RECOGNITION AWARDS PROJECT:

Letters soliciting nominations have gone to deans, directors and chairpersons, and a follow-up will be done.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Kennedy had circulated a memo suggesting articles for a newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

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

--Submitted by John Forsyth

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