

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2015
ROOM 302 INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Chairperson James Rainey called the meeting to order at 12:34pm. Other members in attendance: Pauline Adams, Jenny Bond, Bill Cambray, John Forsyth, Rita Gallin, Joyce Grant, Charles Gliozzo, Mary Kennedy, Bruce Miller, David Rovner, Gary Stone, and Jim Trosko. Not attending: Albert Sparrow, Joe Chartkoff, and Alan Fisher.

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 was not present, but he had distributed by email a draft on the Faculty Emeriti Association's connections with the Faculty Senate.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Pauline Adams reported that the Board of Trustees had not met since the February meeting of the Steering Committee.

4. UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Bruce Miller reported that the University Council had met. Most of the time was spent reviewing the policies and workings of the Athletic Council, partly in connection with upcoming elections for representation on the Athletic council and on other university governance bodies.

5. FACULTY SENATE AND HEALTH CARE:

The Faculty Senate met February 17 and passed 35 new courses, nine course deletions and 280 course changes. The Provost discussed new efforts to get input on promotion and tenure decisions from faculty and administrators outside the academic units of the person being considered for promotion or tenure.

Gary Stone reported that the Health Care committee is developing a two-stage survey to identify potential for active faculty and non-union staff to use an on-site medical facility.

6. LECTURE SERIES:

Jim Trosko indicated the lecture series is set for the rest of the current academic year. Scheduling the meeting room is becoming complicated because several groups have blocked out regular use of the room through the rest of the calendar year.

7. ORAL HISTORY PROJECT:

Pauline Adams encouraged additional participation in interviews.

8. RECOGNITION AWARDS PROJECT:

Jenny Bond has received four nominations for individual awards and one nomination for a unit award. Rita Gallin and Jim Trosko will assist with the selection, and Jenny bond will find a person outside the Steering Committee to complete the selection group. Rita Gallin Moved and Jim Trosko seconded making a Special Recognition award. Motion passed.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Rainey and Gary Stone summarized a meeting held the previous Saturday (Rainey, Forsyth, Gliozzo, Kennedy, Rovner, and Stone) to plan for a meeting with the Provost. The meeting recommended meeting with Deb DeZure and Terry Curry first. The FEA needs to establish an effective method of communicating with emeritus faculty before it can offer to help the Provost realize contributions of emeritus faculty.

A lengthy discussion was held on a draft survey document prepared by Cindy Leverich. A revised version will be available at the April meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS

The University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum seeks emeritus faculty to evaluate student submissions. Rovner will communicate this request via email to the FEA email list. The deadline to volunteer is March 27, 2015 and the signup link is <http://bit.ly/1w4nt6n>.

The Volunteer English Tutoring Program, <http://vetp.isp.msu.edu/>, email vetp@msu.edu needs volunteers to help international students, faculty and visitors with practice in conversational English. Rovner will email information about this need.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 1:00-3:00 PM Room 204 International Center

--Submitted by John Forsyth

The Faculty Emeriti Association's web site is at <http://www.facultyemeriti.msu.edu/> and its email address is fea@msu.edu.