

MSU FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
Room 201 International Center

Chairperson Rainey called the meeting to order at 12:44 pm.

Members attending: John Forsyth, Jenny Bond, Joseph Chartkoff, Charles Gliozzo, Bruce Miller, James Rainey, and Albert Sparrow. Not attending: Pauline Adams, Bill Cambray, Alan Fisher, Rita Gallin, Joyce Grant, Mary Kennedy, David Rovner, Gary Stone, and Jim Trosko. Visitor: Cindi Leverich (MSU-FOD).

Chairperson Rainey noted that the meeting originally scheduled for August 14, 2015 was cancelled for lack of available members so this is the first meeting since May 13, 2015. Rainey further commented on the Conference of Big Ten Retirees Associations, hosted by the MSU Retirees Association, which he attended at Kellogg Center representing the Faculty Emeriti Association. Twelve of the fourteen Big Ten Universities sent representatives. The Sunday morning session of the conference featured presentations from each university so that styles, organization, funding, and staffing and facilities support could be compared. Rainey recommended pursuing joint activities with the Michigan State University Retirees Association.

Chartkoff moved and Gliozzo seconded approving the minutes of the Annual Meeting held May 13, 2015. The motion passed unanimously. Chartkoff also moved and Gliozzo also seconded approving the minutes of the regular meeting also held May 13, 2015, immediately after the Annual Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

FEA History Project: Chartkoff presented an 8-page document on the history of the Nominations Committee. He had a few weeks earlier distributed this material to the committee by email. He indicated that the history is probably ninety percent completed. Discussion followed on the presentation of the history when it is completed. It was suggested that distribution should include the FEA web site, email or mail notices to the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, the Big Ten retirees associations, and possibly some hard copies produced by the Espresso machine in the Library.

Lecture Series: Cindy Leverich had developed the possibility to use presentation rooms in Kellogg Center through the auspices of the Office of Outreach and Engagement. Gliozzo has a lead on a possible speaker for Monday October 19, 2015. The Faculty Emeriti Association needs to find a person to be in charge of its lecture series.

Oral History Project: Pauline Adams sent a brief written report noting that she had interviewed M. Cecil Mackey who was president of Michigan State University from 1979 to 1985. She noted again that she needs others to help with identifying and interviewing individuals for the oral history project. All of the technical support is provided by the Libraries, so one only needs to schedule the meeting with the interviewee.

Jenny Bond, Chair of the Nominations Committee, reported that the awards were presented at the April faculty retirement luncheon. The FEA limits the number of awards, and strong candidates sometimes do not receive an award. Nominators were contacted to see if they would like to have their nominations held for the pool for two years, with the option to augment the material when future consideration is made.

Old Business: The survey went out to about 800 emeriti and 130 responses were received. Survey Monkey provided a large spreadsheet with the results. Forsyth offered to start to developing methods for making use of the data.

Rainey, Forsyth, Gliozzo and Stone met with Deb DeZure and Terry Curry preliminary to meeting with the Provost to enhance the relationship between the FEA and the university. Curry and DeZure felt that some items, such as the on-line directory could be handled administratively, but others, such as presenting FEA work, recognition by the university, and support of the university interests by emeriti were well worth discussing with the Provost.

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

Submitted by John Forsyth