

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
April 3, 2019**

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Dave Geherin, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Gregory People, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman. Richard Douglass was present by telephone connection.

Ex officio: Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation, and Celia Murkowski, Associate Director of Engagement.

The meeting was at the Eagle's Nest and called to order at 10:06 a.m.

The minutes of March 6, 2019, were approved with a correction of the spelling and cost of Kanopy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1. Sally McCracken introduced Celia Murkowski**, Associate Director of Engagement.
- 2. Sally reported** that both EMU President Smith and Provost Rhonda Longworth were happy with the financial contributions of the emeriti. They indicated that they wanted to have the finances available to deliver a quality education for the students enrolled. The number of potential students is decreasing according to demographic information, and Howard Booth reported that on the Day in Lansing he discovered that legislators in Lansing were not aware of this.
- 3. Sally suggested that** departments contact students who presented at the symposium or otherwise showed a tie to the university, because they are more likely to donate. Emeriti can contribute by providing names of graduates and perhaps contacting them.
- 4. Areas in which emeriti and graduates are clustered can be visited** to affirm ties and secure donations.
- 5. Sally indicated willingness to serve as president of the emeriti for one more term** and then she would like to have someone else take over.
- 6. Sally will indicate the change in venue of the Emeritus Spring Meeting and request that people RSVP.** She will repeat this information when she sends out her report on the Board of Regents' meeting and make sure there is a sign on the door of the usual meeting room in Welch hall for people who go there out of habit.
- 7. Kate Pittsley will give a presentation at the Emeritus Fall Meeting** on the resources available for emeriti in the library and where what information can be found.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Skip Lawver reported for the Nominating Committee** that Barry "Dave" Painter agrees to serve on the Executive Board. His name will be put forward and names invited from the floor at the Emeritus Spring Meeting, and then a vote will be held. Sally McCracken will design and bring the ballots.

2. The EMU faculty contract has been extended with a few changes for two years. So the next contract negotiations will take place during the summer of 2021.

3. An EMU Oral History Project is being created by Matt Jones. Emeriti are invited to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Emeritus Spring Meeting will be held on May 10, 2019, from 12–3 pm at 352 Student Center. Sally McCracken created and presented the agenda. Skip Lawver will create a certificate to honor the service of John Pappas who is resigning from the Executive Board. People are invited to contact staff emeriti so more of them come.

2. Ideas for future programs will be requested at the Emeritus Spring Meeting. One idea is to invite the person who represents us in Lansing to learn more about the process and learn how best to present our programs to legislators. For the December social it would be nice if the small choir group, Measure for Measure, or the Gospel Choir could come for a short musical program.

3. Updating the website is proving challenging due to restrictions by EMU. Wendi Kivi is looking into the process.

4. Ypsilanti Township 2040 Master Program is designing developments in the township. There are many positive suggestions; however, the insistence on Washtenaw as a Neighborhood Road if executed will landlock EMU. Sally McCracken will contact our representative in Lansing to make sure that this will not happen.

REPORTS

1. Howard Booth reported that the emeritus participation in the Day in Lansing was very welcome and should be continued.

More emeriti are very welcome to participate.

2. Celia Murkowski held a very successful Senior Celebration Day

at the Student Center. It included (a) information about repaying student loans, (b) the opportunity to get official graduation photos taken in cap and gown, (c) leaving the e-mail address the graduating senior will use after graduating, and (d) free business cards for the first 100 seniors to come to the event. Six students were awarded their caps and gown.

She now plans to have regular events for seniors throughout the academic year and to make the content of each program fit the concern of seniors during each specific time of year and popularize the programs through announcements in departments.

This report informed us that students no longer rent their cap and gown but have to buy it, and some cannot afford to do so. As a result they cannot attend their own graduation. Celia will check about setting up a fund at the Foundation to help students who cannot afford to buy their cap and gown buy them.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 10 a.m. at the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center.