

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty Executive Board Meeting
April 13, 2016

Present: Irene Allen, Dave Geherin, Bert Greene, Sally McCracken, John Pappas, George Perkins, Barbara Scheffer, Alida Westman.
Executive Board guest: Richard Douglass

The meeting was called to order at 9:01.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved with the amendment that EAA be spelled out in #3 of the President's Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. **A Diversity Officer is being sought; role of the university was discussed.** Learning that another Diversity Officer is being sought and therefore administrative services are being expanded led to a discussion about the increasing number of people and activities which are not directly related to instruction. Bert indicated that Jim Carroll, Associate Provost, calculated the part of the budget related to instruction and this amounted to about 34% of the budget. The amount invested in athletics differs depending on how it is calculated. Discussion followed about the role and investment in athletics at the university level and the role and importance of liberal arts, such as band and theater. This led to the realization that opportunities for extracurricular events are not well advertised at EMU.
2. **HBO Sports** interviewed Don Loppnow, the interim EMU president, and the episode will be shown on TV.
3. **The Bubble ripped** for the second time in January. It is clear that the design is flawed. The lawyers from both sides are meeting to figure out how to deal with this. There is another issue also. EMU tends to favor leasing spaces, such as the softball fields and the bubble; however, the person leasing the facilities rents them out, and EMU could make more money by hiring someone to rent the spaces.
4. **Excellent TRUEMU sign at Comerica field.** The sign is in an excellent location and it frequently is imaged as the cameras show what is happening at Comerica.
5. **Medigap reimbursement** will be outsourced; however, this has not yet happened, and Michael Demand is handling the reimbursement for EMU as of yet.
6. **There are 563 emeriti.** Of these, 387 are faculty, 40 associate members – these are usually surviving spouses –, 131 staff, and 5 honorary members – a status for anyone else, such as deans and presidents. The emeriti donate a great deal of money. In 2015, 210 people donated more than \$315,000 in gifts and in kind, and more than \$764,000 when counting bequests. So far in 2016, 185 have donated more than \$150,500 in gifts and in kind, and more than \$242,200 when counting bequests also.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **The survey requesting suggestions about presentations will be sent out** by Bert Greene with his next Board of Regents report. The Board meets on April 22. There also will be paper copies at the next General Meeting for those who have additional ideas or did not make e-mailed comments. The next General Meeting is on May 12, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Finding a new liaison to the Foundation.** Tom Gwaltney would like to be replaced. Sally McCracken will ask Bette Warren whether she is interested, and Bert Greene will ask Howard Booth. If neither is interested then Bert will serve until a replacement has been found.
2. **The General meeting is next month on May 12.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:04

The next meeting will be on May 11, 2016.