

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
June 5, 2019**

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Richard Douglass, Dave Geherin, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Barry David "Dave" Painter, Sally McCracken, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation, and Jill Hunsberger. Associate Vice President for Advancement.

The meeting was at the Eagle's Nest and called to order at 10:10 a.m. The minutes of April 3, 2019, were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1. Sally McCracken introduced Barry David "Dave" Painter**, the newly elected member of the Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board.
- 2. Sally reported that privatization of dorms** is being considered, because remodeling is needed, and EMU cannot afford to remodel them.
- 3. A buyout has been offered to EMU faculty and staff**, and as many as 12 to 15 lecturers may accept it. The requirements for emeritus status for lecturers are different from those of faculty, and having lecturers join the association as staff is being explored.
- 4. Sally read the names of some of the new emeriti** who will join the association in June.
- 5. Parking registration** of cars and cards for pay lots need to be renewed. Sally will let us know when this is to take place. The process is the same as before. There may be a problem for new emeriti, because it takes a little while for their names to be integrated by Laz parking company.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. The meeting to inaugurate new emeriti lasted too long.** There were three recommendations to shorten the meeting. First, mention the names of new members, but present biographical detail only for those present. Perhaps a biographical write-up can be put on each table for those interested. Second, begin the business part of the meeting at 12:30 instead of 1 pm and advertise the meeting as ending at 2 pm with the room reserved until 3 pm for those who would like to linger to talk. Third, serve desert after the presentation rather than with lunch.
- 2. Room 352 in the Student Center worked out better than 205 Welch**, because it is larger.
- 3. Perhaps party gifts**, such as a pen, could be provided.
- 4. A brief description and some photos** for the website for both the business meeting and the social would share the experiences with those who could not come and serve as happy reminders for those who did.
- 5. The Spring Social was attended by about 129 people** and was a success. The only complaints were a lack of vegetarian and vegan meals and the availability of only small napkins. It is recommended that in the

future as people RSVP they are asked whether they would prefer vegetarian or vegan meals. Providing fruit and putting cheese on the side rather than in salads also offer healthy, acceptable options.

6. Sally will continue to add reminders for gatherings with her e-mails.

7. Suggested future programs included updates on technology, an ice cream social, a tour of EMU buildings which have been renovated, remodeled, or host new programs, such as Strong and Sill, or a presentation on Elderwise, OLLI (The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) and free tuition at WCC for any Washtenaw resident 65 or older.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The 2019-2020 Executive Board Officers were unanimously elected. They are Sally McCracken for president, Skip Lawver for vice-president, and Alida Westman for secretary.

2. Emeritus Trips Abroad ideas were presented by David Geherin based on ideas composed by Benita Goldman. Even if she retires, she will continue organizing trips. Current trip suggestions center around visiting England, Scotland, and Ireland with better accommodations than are usual on student trips. Sally McCracken will send out the suggestions to emeriti to establish interest, and then she will provide the list of those interested to Bonita.

3. The Age-Friendly University Initiative considers the educational needs of older adults, intergenerational activity, and providing support for those who need it. For example, students with a parent who has cancer are much in need of support. The program was started by Andrea Gossett Zakrajsek, Director of the Aging Studies Program at EMU. She will contact Richard Douglass and Barbara Scheffer to exchange information and explore participation.

REPORTS

1. Howard Booth and Jill Hunsberger reported that they are continuing to work on engaging alumni through links from emeriti.

2. College of Arts and Sciences Dean Heller is supporting the rollout of a fundraiser. Many well-known people are engaged in it.

3. The Foundation and the Office of Engagement are now together. As a result Howard Booth now is on the Alumni Board as well, and this combined representation has not happened in many years.

4. The Alumni Awards Program was very successful. There are many awards, and all of the awards are for students except for the Porter award which can be presented to a nonstudent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 10 a.m. at the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center.