

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty Association Executive Board Meeting
June 7, 2017

Present: Irene Allen, Dave Geherin, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, John Pappas, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Susan Rink, Senior Director of Development of the Foundation.

The meeting was at the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center and called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Executive Board President Sally McCracken welcomed Skip Lawver, a new board member.

The minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. **Sally McCracken and Natalie LaDow met with Chef Tom** about the food at meetings. The food at both the General Meeting and the Spring Social was excellent. Chef Tom has only 2 assistants and he is limited to variations on a set menu, but he is extremely creative.
2. **Sally met with EMU President Smith** and she learned that the budget is very problematic. Staff received a buy-out proposal. The goal is to have 125 fewer staff members. Previous administrative errors, cutbacks in funding by the state, federal Pell Grant problems, and decreased enrollment are among the factors creating budgetary problems.
3. **Sally will meet with Vicki Reaume about emeritus status and look into death benefits.** The police and AFSME do not have access to emeritus status. Equity of \$7000 for death benefits for all emeriti would be just but currently that is not the case.
4. **Sally will check with Georgia in Fringe Benefits** about notifying loved ones about the death benefit and how to submit a claim. Faculty and staff should be encouraged to check their beneficiary for that benefit.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Election of 2017-2018 Executive Board Officers.** John Pappas moved and Skip Lawver seconded that the present officers continue. The vote was unanimous. So Sally McCracken will be President, Dave Geherin will be Vice President, and Alida Westman will be secretary. Alida Westman will update the contact information for the Executive Board.

2. **Voting by e-mail on having the Emeritus Staff Association merge with the Emeritus Faculty Association.** An e-mail drafted by Sally McCracken was edited and approved. Susan Rink will get the e-mail listing for the faculty and for the staff. The two groups will vote separately using Survey Monkey. People will have 2 to 3 weeks to vote from the time the e-mails are sent.
3. **Changes in the Constitution and Bylaws.** If the merger is approved, the proposed name for the organization will be the Emeritus Association of Eastern Michigan University. Sally McCracken and Dave Geherin will determine which changes need to be made in the Constitution and Bylaws, and these changes will be submitted to the Fall 2017 General Meeting and voted on at the Spring 2018 General Meeting.
4. **Washtenaw United Way contributions** currently are not credited to EMU. Sally will pursue a solution to this problem, so that there will be a box to check to give credit to EMU.
5. **Speaker at the Fall General Meeting.** The topic of security, phishing, and scams is of general interest. Names of potential speakers were mentioned, and Sally will check to see who is available to give the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The next meeting will be on September 6, 2017 at the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center.