

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty Executive Board Meeting
June 8, 2016**

Present: Richard Douglass, Dave Geherin, Bert Greene, Sally McCracken, John Pappas, George Perkins, Barbara Scheffer, Alida Westman.
Ex officio: Susan Rink, Senior Director of Development of the Foundation

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1. The Financial condition** of EMU and higher education in general is dire. Reasons include the increasing number of state mandates for which administrators are hired. Their support staff frequently is cut during budget cuts, so that people who are paid more end up doing all of the office work as well. Income from tuition is expected to decrease, because the pool of future students is lower. EMU has very limited reserves. Strong hall is in need of maintenance and universities have to pay for 25% of the capital outlay. The air conditioner of the College of Business needs to be refurbished.
- 2. Outsourcing food service** is being considered as a cost saving measure. The for-profit companies bidding the contract demand a 10-year agreement and a prompt decision. The companies will pay to redo the dining facilities.
- 3. Cost of athletics** was discussed. Compared to other universities the facilities at EMU are not as up to date, and EMU needs to be competitive to attract students.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Composition of the board.** Richard Douglass was acknowledged as the new board member. Sally McCracken and John Pappas had agreed to serve another term on the board. As a result, these are the members serving in the first year of their current term. Irene Allen, David Geherin, and Barbara Scheffer are beginning the second year of their term. Bert Greene, George Perkins, and Alida Westman are beginning the third year of their term.
- 2. Election of officers.** Sally McCracken, Dave Geherin, and Alida Westman were elected unanimously to serve as president, vice-president, and secretary, respectively. Sally McCracken was asked to take over the meeting at that time and did so.
- 3. Contact information** of the board members was updated and will be sent to the board by the secretary.
- 4. Recognized and thanked for all they have done** at the October meeting will be Tom Gwaltney for representing emeritus faculty on the Foundation Board and Bert Greene for nineteen extraordinary years of service to the emeritus faculty. How best to do this was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **The new EMU Foundation representative** is Howard Booth. He is welcome to attend board meetings or attend periodically to present updates on the EMU Foundation Board.
2. **Survey about topics for presentations at General Meetings.** Barbara Scheffer presented the results. Sally McCracken will explore (a) with Richard Douglass the possibility of a presentation on fraud prevention and security, (b) with Lidia Lee a presentation about age-related hearing changes and contact a person who can present the age-related changes in vision, (c) travel hints. Presentations by current faculty members can be acknowledged via a commendation letter to the provost with a copy to the president, dean, and department head. The board members agreed that it is good if an active faculty member can serve as a presenter for selected topics.
3. **Keeping track of emeriti achievements and needs.** Carol Haddad has requested that emeriti be permitted to have a webpage on their departmental website. This request was discussed with the provost. We also would like to track and make known achievements by emeriti. Perhaps we can get a graduate assistant to help. At the next meeting we will make a list of jobs to be done so that we can evaluate the best approach to accomplishing them.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be on September 7, 2016, at the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center. **Please note that this is a change to the first Wednesday of the month for September.**