

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
October 3, 2018**

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Dave Geherin, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, John Pappas, Gregory Peoples, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Sam Jensen, Representative of the Foundation,
and Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation.

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

The minutes of the September 5, 2018, meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. New parking arrangements. Sally McCracken indicated that at the College of Business, a hang tag still is needed to get into the faculty and staff side. Sally will investigate how new hang tags will be obtained if needed. Lost or misplaced hang tags can be replaced.

Sally worked very hard this summer to get a correct list of emeriti. There still is a problem. If a person teaches, he or she is immediately reclassified as employed. Provost Rhonda Longworth is helping to look for a solution to this problem.

Emeriti can park in Faculty and Staff lots. Parking in pay lots requires a card. Whether emeriti can park in **commuter lots is unclear.** Sally will investigate.

For emeriti who do not use computers, registration of their cars can be done for them during the Fall General meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Nominating procedures. The board members in their second year constitute the nominating committee. Board members in their third year may choose to continue or to resign. If someone resigns, a new person is sought. The question was raised whether elections should be made competitive. The consensus was that they should not be, because it probably would decrease the number of people willing to serve. However, when a name is brought forward, other names are invited from the floor. This may lead to a competitive vote.

People are invited to indicate that they are interested in serving, and this is announced at each Fall and Spring General Meeting.

2. Nomination for 2019. John Pappas is resigning. He has served many years. A rank order list of people likely to want to serve was created.

3. TIAA Discussion. Sally and Bette Warren will talk with a person who negotiated for EMU and with a TIAA representative to get answers to questions almost filling a page. They also will arrange for an hour with a negotiator for EMU and a TIAA representative before the Fall General meeting. This will be from 11 to noon at a place near the meeting place for the General Meeting, so that people do not have to travel far.

Answers to the questions will be distributed to all emeriti.

Is every group on campus being informed? With this and parking as indicative, there is concern that information is not reaching all groups.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. For the Spring General Meeting, David Geherin will organize presentations on trips abroad and in the US.** Benita Goldman of *Academic Programs Abroad* will present sample trips and brochures. Jean Bush-Bacelis will bring some of the brochures she creates for the trips she guides. There are alumni trips which faculty and staff can join. If there is enough interest then a more leisurely trip for emeriti can be created, such as a week of exploration with London as the base of operations, or a trip of just London and Paris, etc.
- 2. For the Emeritus Fall General meeting,** Howard Booth will talk about "Fitness for Life."
- 3. Bargaining for a new contract is scheduled for 2019.** Alida Westman went to a union meeting and volunteered to serve on the EMU-AAUP Bargaining Council Retirement Committee. Jean Bush-Bacelis also is interested in attending union events.
- 4. Emeriti can serve through volunteer activities if** departments keep in touch with them, invite them, and suggest volunteer activities. Sally will attend meetings to encourage this.
- 5. Foundation Report by Howard Booth.** The emeriti know the university. When meeting with students and faculty elsewhere, it is individual faculty who are remembered and asked about.
 - a.** Howard recommended that we should promote and publicize opportunities by indicating points of excellence, engaging beyond the classroom, serving in the Undergraduate Symposium, and mentoring.
 - b.** It also is recommended that the Foundation take professors along when they are going out to meet alumni and emeriti in other parts of the country or when they are making presentations and visiting representatives and lobbyists in Washington D.C.
 - c.** Emeriti should have access to a Campus Events Calendar, perhaps linked to the website.
 - d.** Donor Stewardships should be celebrated.
- 6. Foundation Report by Sam Jensen.** He indicated that with a new hire all colleges now have a Foundation development person. At the next meeting, he can bring a list of endowments and volunteer opportunities which can be linked to the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be at 10 a.m. on November 7, 2018, at the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center. There will be a December meeting only if necessary.