

Eastern Michigan University

Emeritus Faculty Executive Board Meeting

October 12, 2016

Present: Irene Allen, Dave Geherin, Bert Greene, Sally McCracken, John Pappas, George Perkins, Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the EMU Foundation.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Meeting with EMU President Smith. Representation on search committees at the dean's level and up is very important, and Sally McCracken mentioned this again to the new EMU president. Emeriti can provide institutional memory and perspective. The search for a Vice President for Advancement is proceeding without representation by emeritus faculty. It is the organization with which the emeriti have the closest relationship and through which they donate to EMU. Sally will contact the President to ask that an emeritus faculty member be added to the committee.

We are expecting to be on the search committee for a new provost.

2. Meeting with Benefits about Basic. The reimbursement seems to be moving forward at this point, but some people still are confused about what documentation to submit and how to submit it to Basic.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Transition to Basic. We now have a representative in the Benefits Office who can help. Georgia Branham will be at the Friday Emeritus Meeting to give a presentation and take questions.

2. Reception following the Regents' November meeting to thank Bert Greene for his service. Sally will send out details about the time and place.

3. The December Social will be held in the McKenny Lounge, because the number of people who attend is larger than fits in the President's House. The Lounge permits good parking on Fridays and valet parking can be arranged. The Lounge is on the first floor which makes for easy access. Also it is large enough to permit adequate seating, and it can be decorated for the holiday.

4. Update on the Emeritus Fall Meeting to be held on Friday October 14. Georgia Branham will present information about Basic, and David Cook of Catholic Social Services will present information about how to find the best supplemental health insurance.

5. Update on the Nomination process for membership on the Emeritus Faculty Executive Board. Irene Allen reports that both Bert Greene and George Perkins would like to have new people replace them. Alida Westman is standing for re-election.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dental insurance will not be more expensive, but the payment now will be online.

2. Foundation report by Howard Booth. EMU President Smith reported both good student enrollment and the addition of 38 new faculty members. The Foundation is planning to arrange meetings with current faculty and emeriti with their former students. Training will be provided.

There will continue to be a faculty representative on the Foundation Board. This representative will be chosen by direct vote of the faculty.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. and people stayed to talk with each other.

The next meeting will be on November 9, 2016, at the Eagle's Nest at the Convocation Center.