

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty Executive Board Meeting
October 14, 2015

Present: Irene Allen, Dave Geherin, Bert Greene, Sally McCracken, John Pappas, Alida Westman. *Ex officio*: Susan Rink, Senior Director of Development, The Foundation.

The meeting was called to order.

The minutes of the meeting on September 16, 2015, were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. **Signage related to the Hurons has been removed.** The athletic tops were replaced and the costs for replacements were paid by the Foundation.
2. **Faculty/Staff campaign** letters will be sent out by U.S. mail. It is important to share the information that 100% of the money contributed goes to the designated program.
3. **Provost and Interim President Kim Schatzel** reported at the Board of Regents meeting on October 13 that the incoming class is the second largest; the student body is very diverse; retention has been improved; and Financial Aid has been increased. Trinity has been opened for the Honors College, and Rackham has been remodeled.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Emeritus Board Meetings are open meetings.** We should invite members to attend Board meeting, especially if they are interested in serving on the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **The December Social will be on December 9.** The space in University House will be more limited, because both the study and kitchen areas will be closed. If the space becomes too limited for the number of people who want to attend, then other venues will have to be considered. There was agreement that the opportunity to interact, good food, and parking, including valet service, are important.
2. **Talks of interest for the program in May.** Barbara Scheffer has prepared a short survey for the December meeting to ask people for recommendations as to whom they would like to have give a presentation at a General Meeting. To date topics of greatest interest have been those which (a) clarify age-related changes, such as changes in the eye or ear, (b) tips, such as on finances and travel, (c) presentations on new gadgets, such as electronics, and (d) history of EMU buildings and the Ypsilanti area. A presentation about social media may be of great interest.
3. **Day of the week for meetings.** For discussion at the next Board is the question whether having General Meetings and the Social in May on Fridays, because there is better parking, needs to be discussed.
4. **Second Year Board members need to consider new members.** If there are members who want to retire from the Board, they need to be replaced. The committee, which consists of second year members, searches for replacements. Currently the second year members are Bert Greene, George Perkins, and Alida Westman.

The meeting adjourned at 11: 35

The next meeting will be on November 11.