

**Eastern Michigan University  
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting  
March 3, 2021**

Present: Richard Douglass, David Geherin, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Barry (Dave) Painter, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman.

*Ex officio:* Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation and Jill Hunsberger, Associate Vice President for Advancement

The meeting was by Zoom and called to order at 10:04 a.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- 1. Sally McCracken reported that EMU has done very well with respect to the Covid pandemic.** The success has been credited to frequent and free testing with fast results, excellent tracing of cases, and monitoring of viri in sewers. Most teaching has been done online, and it is as yet not clear how many classes can be taught face-to-face this coming Fall. Many staff and faculty have retired. This is leaving many positions unfilled. Hiring has not happened, because finances for next year look problematic due to lower enrollment and less financial support from the state. There has been some federal assistance to higher education, but it is not clear whether this will be renewed, and, if so, how much support will be provided.
- 2. A future face-to-face meeting** of the General Membership is not likely before October. The Fall Social is scheduled for December. Jill Hunsberger has reserved the places requested.
- 3. The email list of the Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association belongs to the association.** A faculty member tried to hack an email to obtain the list and send out his own email. This is not permissible. All information sent to emeriti must be approved by the emeritus association. Further, many emeriti prefer to get emails on only specific topics and as few as possible. As a result such a hacking attempt is an attempt both to bypass the association and leads to undermining its effectiveness significantly.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Basic update.** Some have not yet signed up for the program, and some are still having problems with the reimbursement. Basic has frequently responded very slowly, but EMU's HR has responded quickly. Sally McCracken has made it clear to the administration that they should feel very free to change organizations handling the reimbursements.
- 2. EMU cannot add emeriti to the list of faculty for vaccination,** because the vaccines are not handled by EMU but by the state, county, pharmacies and stores.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Currently faculty and staff can list their research on a Google Research Website,** but EMU in the Fall will start a new page on which they can list their current research.

**2. A Zoom membership meeting can be scheduled** in the Fall if it is not possible to meet in person.

## **REPORTS**

- 1. Howard Booth reported** that the Foundation and the Alumni Association campaign has exceeded 70 million and emeriti are requested to contribute.
- 2. Jill Hunsberger reported** that the Foundation's big fundraiser will be rolled out on Zoom on March 25. Notices will be sent out so people can join.
- 3. Endowments are a popular choice of faculty.** Jill can help arrange these, or please let her know if you have arranged it. The current endowment for scholarships is about \$80 million.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be by Zoom on April 7, 2021.