

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
May 1, 2024

Present: Larry Gates, Nora Martin, Sally McCracken, Glenna Frank Miller, Gregory Peoples, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation, and Rae Ann Yuskowatz, Director of Planned and Legacy Giving at the Foundation

The meeting was on Zoom and called to order at 10:03 a.m.

The minutes of April 3, 2024, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken** indicated that we were meeting on Zoom instead of at the Eagles Nest due to confusion, and we will meet at the Eagles Nest next time if possible.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Social is on May 17.** Rae Ann Yuskowatz indicated that she has arranged for the Forensics Team to present their Social Award winning presentations, and she will provide their names and an introduction to Sally McCracken. To date 87 people have indicated that they are coming. Of these only one indicated having a mobility issue. Rae Ann arranged for an ambassador to check in people.

Rae Ann then asked about the name tag. Executive members indicated preferring clip over stick-on name tags. Sally McCracken indicated that she would like to have the name tags of Executive Board Members indicate this membership, and she asked board members to greet people, circulate, and find out what they are thinking about the association and how it can best meet their needs.

Rae Ann indicated that the dishwasher in McKenny is broken and this will require using plastic. Sally will apologize to people for this. The replacement part has been ordered.

Provost Longworth will give the update on EMU, because President Smith will be in Taiwan.

- B. The Business meeting is on June 7** at the Ballroom in the Student Center. The President of GameAbove, Sun Chao, will speak. GameAbove has sponsored athletic events, the College of Technology, and the Undergraduate Symposium. Associate Provost Doris Fields, or another substitute for the Provost, will provide an update on Academic and Student Affairs.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. In the Fall, the Executive Board will discuss the groups to which the emeriti need to maintain liaisons and who will serve as liaisons.** The President of the Emeriti maintains contact with the EMU President and Provost. Ties to the Foundation are close and there is a faculty liaison to the Foundation. Liaisons to the EMU-AAUP, Alumni

Association, and colleges are important also. Members on the Executive Board represent the different colleges and can be liaisons to them. It was agreed that all liaisons should be members of the EMU Faculty and Staff Executive Board in order to ensure accurate communications.

- B. In the Fall changes to the Constitution or Bylaws** will be considered. These are being drafted by Jean Bush-Bacelis and Glenna Frank Miller. Considered for addition are a Planning Committee for Presentations at Business Meetings, liaisons to different groups, making sure that the spouse of a deceased member is offered Associate Membership, and clarifying that the list of emeriti is controlled by the President of the Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association.
- C. For the Fall Business meeting**, Jean Bush-Bacelis and Glenna Frank Miller will schedule a presentation on artificial intelligence for senior citizens. If this does not work out, a short presentation on the 175th birthday at EMU is being considered.
- D. There have been some problems getting tickets to theater events.** Sally reports that people should begin with indicating which performance they would like to attend and then the other steps fall into place. She will check whether the FAQ needs to be updated on the website.
- E. President Smith indicated the incentives to manage the EMU budget** and why previous decisions were made. Selective AP buyouts are being proposed. Sally will forward his letter to the Executive Board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Howard Booth** indicated that the Foundation is planning events to celebrate EMU's 175th birthday.
- B. Rae Anne Yuskowatz** indicated that invitations will be sent out to faculty and students to tell their story for the 175th birthday of EMU. Sally will announce this at the May 17 meeting also. EMU Archives has many interviews on record.

Rae Anne also sends out a newsletter and she will send this to members of the Emeritus Association Executive Board also.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be at 10 am on Wednesday May 1, 2024, if possible at the Eagles Nest.