

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
June 2, 2021**

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Richard Douglass, David Geherin, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Barry (Dave) Painter, Gregory Peoples, 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 10:02 a.m.

The minutes of May 5, 2021, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Sally McCracken reported that enrollments in Summer 1 and 2 were very good, but Fall enrollment is not yet clear. Further, it is not yet clear which classes will be face-to-face and which will be virtual. It also is not yet clear whether vaccination will be required, at the very least for students in classes on campus. The vaccination status of faculty and staff also is unknown at this time.

2. There are problems with sexual assaults at off-campus fraternity parties. Some women reported being sexually assaulted and seeking help from EMU. They indicated that they felt that the help received was not sufficient.

EMU is getting clarity on the complaints in order to reply to them, but EMU President Smith has indicated that EMU will continue to support the women and their concerns.

EMU has hired an outside agency to investigate the cases. Perhaps again having a Greek advisor on staff in the student division would help. Also the role of the national organizations to which fraternities belong needs to be clarified and their oversight strengthened.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Fall Membership meeting is in October. Sally McCracken will check whether October 1 or 15 works better, because October 8 is during homecoming. Invitations will be sent out by email with a request to indicate whether the recipient(s) will attend in order to designate an appropriate spacious indoor area for the meeting. Also box lunches might be more appropriate than a food bar, and masks will be welcome.

2. The Fall Social will be in December in the ballroom of the Student Union. It is sponsored by the Foundation. Further details will be worked out as conditions under the pandemic become clearer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Board membership will be explored at the next meeting. David Geherin indicated that he would like to step down. Greg Peoples and Barbara Scheffer will be asked whether they want to continue. Due to the pandemic, people agreed to continue to serve until elections again were

possible. As a result, board members continue in 2021-2022 as they had in 2020-2021.

First year: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Skip Lawver, Alida Westman

Second year: Richard Douglass, Sally McCracken, and Dave Painter

Third year: Dave Geherin, Greg Peoples, and Barbara Scheffer

- 2. Program for the October Business meeting** will be kept light and fun. Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver has beautiful woodwork to show. Richard Douglass may suggest other achievements by emeriti that they want to share, and Sally McCracken will check whether AAA can present a program of places to visit and benefits of AAA membership.

REPORTS

- 1. Howard Booth reported** that the Alumni Awards Ceremony on May 15 was very successful.
- 2. Jill Hunsberger reported that the fundraising has been very successful during the pandemic.** The goal of \$13.5 million was surpassed and exceeded \$15 million. Colleges exceeded their goals. Especially the 3-D arts center which has received generous grant support has stimulated a tremendous amount to interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be by Zoom on September 1, 2021, at 10 a.m.