

**Eastern Michigan University  
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting  
September 2, 2020**

Present: 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 due to the pandemic and was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

The minutes of July 1, 2020, were approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- 1. Sally McCracken reported that the pandemic is decreasing access to campus.** People must call ahead and fill out a symptoms survey before they come or immediately before they enter campus. The library is open for picking up books at the desk, but there is no access to the stacks. The procedure for access to buildings is not clear, and Sally will inquire. She also will let emeriti know the protocol.
- 2. The EMU campus is not open for face-to-face classes.** President Smith is proceeding with an abundance of caution. He has postponed classes on campus and delayed move-in days for dorms. Also all MAC games have been called off. Virtual Homecoming is on October 3.
- 3. There is a Scholarly/Creative page** for which Richard Douglass provided the text and which will be on the emeritus website right off the news page. A calendar is added only when requested; it provides information about EMU events. Sally will share this information in the next emeritus newsletter.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Emeritus Parking Issues are multifaceted.** The list which the parking company Laz has does not check with the other lists of emeriti. One difference comes from the different procedures by which faculty and staff become emeriti. Faculty and lecturers become emeriti through the provost's office, whereas staff become emeriti through Finance. Further, there recently was a faculty buyout and the buyout is being repeated; most faculty who choose the buyout become emeriti. Some people are listed as spouses on the list even though they themselves are emeriti. Some individuals die. Information goes to IT and then to the Foundation, and somewhere in this transfer, information is lost or changed. Sally compared the lists manually but is looking for a procedure so this is not necessary. Jill Hunsberger will help trace who creates the various lists, such as to the Board of Regents, to get the information coordinated.
- 2. Virtual Emeritus Meeting on Zoom**
  - A. For the Fall Business Meeting** Sally will ask Steve Martin to help with the Zoom aspects of the program, just as he does for the Board of

Regents' meetings. For the meeting she will ask the president and provost to speak briefly and to update us on the pandemic situation.

**B. The Fall Social Meeting also can happen via Zoom.** Howard Booth experienced a Happy Hour with one of his groups, and he recommends this for the social hour. Celia Murkowski can help with this, because she has helped with a virtual Foundation meeting. If the meeting is held in the afternoon locally, then the meeting can be national without the time slot being unreasonable for people on the west coast. Zoom can handle up to 300 people. (Facebook can handle up to 1000.)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Sally McCracken shared the 2021 Calendar** with the understanding that it is open to change.
- 2. Possible new executive board members** were listed. A number of people came to mind quickly and Sally has them written down.

## **REPORTS**

- 1. Howard Booth reported** that the Foundation wants to stay in touch with both alumni and emeriti, so they don't forget EMU as they contribute to worthy causes. Jill Hunsberger invited people to a lunch for pick up in Dexter. Donation to STEM has been significant.
- 2. Jill Hunsberger indicated** that the Foundation will meet in October for strategic planning and to keep people engaged. The campaign is ongoing, still in the silent phase, and going well. Alumni will be recognized in May. At the virtual Homecoming on October 3, lots of activities are being planned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be by Zoom on October 7, 2020, unless Sally notifies us otherwise with planning for the Fall Business Meeting or the Fall Social.