

Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting November 2, 2022

Present: Richard Douglass, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Glenna Frank Miller, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Jill Hunsberger, Associate Vice President for Advancement

The meeting was by Zoom and called to order at 10:09 a.m.

The minutes of October 5, 2022, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken reported on a letter which Richard Douglass wrote to EMU President Smith.** President Smith had suggested that there are many people who took some college classes but never finished their degree. Helping them to finish their college education might be a good way to serve them and increase student enrollment. Richard stressed that he explored the issue and found that there are a large number of people who would appreciate a chance to finish their degree, and he wrote a letter about this. Skip Lawver indicated that many people have many credits to transfer and this may lead them to realize that they are only a few credit hours away from graduation. Alida Westman indicated that this may require continuing to make remote learning available. There was consensus that this is an avenue EMU should pursue.
- B. Sally asked** whether emeriti should fuse the Social next Spring with the celebration of the Foundation's fund-raising success, or whether the Social should stay separate. Discussion revealed that emeriti come to the Social to socialize, so the Social should stay separate; however, the Foundation should feel free to invite emeriti to the celebration.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Attendance at the October 28, 2022, Fall General Membership Meeting** was lower than usual. Slightly more than 40 attended, compared to the usual 55-60. People are concerned about new variants of the Omicron virus and also about a number of other respiratory viri which have begun to circulate. It is hoped that attendance will increase when the environment has become safer.
- B. Sally contacted the people suggested for the Executive Board** and they are willing to serve. At the next executive board meeting the ballot for the election will be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The 2023 Business Meetings** are scheduled for May 19 and October 13 from 12 to 3 pm.

- B. Richard Douglass will speak at the Spring Business meeting** about the US healthcare system. He will discuss ways in which it is very costly and ineffective, and how it can be improved.
- C. The meetings will be held in Student Union 310 A & B.** The option of holding the meeting in McKenny Ballroom was discussed, but parking would be further away and elevator access is more limited.
- D. The Fall Business meeting program was planned.** People would like to hear from the deans of the 5 colleges and learn how deans are responding to the challenges of having fewer students, fewer instructors, less administrative support, and people with more needs.
- E. Sally McCracken will ask whether Richard Douglass** can be on the search committee for the next dean of the college of Health and Human Services. He would like to ensure that the incoming dean knows about funding sources from the federal government.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Jill Hunsberger reported** that the fund raising is a great success. She will continue to promote it, as well as Giving True Day and crowdgiving events.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Zoom on December 7, 2022.