

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
December 6, 2023

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Larry Gates, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Nora Martin, Sally McCracken, Glenna Frank Miller, Greg Peoples, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman.

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

We have discussed and understand the offense taken for the entertainment at the Fall Social Meeting. It was the result of multiple miscommunications. We are determined to make sure that future entertainment respects the diversity of our members.

The meeting was on Zoom and called to order at 10:28 a.m.

The minutes of November 1, 2023, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken** indicated that she will soon send out a newsletter and that she is working to straighten out the discrepancies between the listserves of the Emeritus Association and the Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reflecting on the December 1, 2023, Fall Social Meeting** led to the decision to try to make some changes, so that more people can participate more easily. Specifically, because some people have mobility issues, Howard Booth and Larry Gates will explore the use of wheelchairs, accompanying people using walkers, and dropping people off at the door with immediate access to the Student Center Ballroom rather than at the front door, and the legal liability such assistance involves, such as the safety of the wheelchairs. For people with visual challenges, the request was made to explore whether the print on the name label can be made larger. Sally McCracken will explore this.
- B. A member complained about the use of "emeritus" instead of "emeriti"** when referring to more people, such as in the name of the association. Across the country, however, associations use the term in the singular and not the plural, so the decision was made to do the same.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sally McCracken reported** that the program for the Spring Business Meeting is set, and she requested that Glenna Frank Miller and Jean Bush-Bacelis plan the Fall program.
- B. The process for Associate Members** needs to be clarified. Sally McCracken will do this. An associate member is the spouse of a member who is deceased. We would like to offer the spouse an Associate Membership, so that social ties can be maintained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Jill Hunsberger** indicated that Giving Tuesday on November 28, 2023, was very successful. A thousand people contributed \$526,000. She now is oriented toward crowdfunding and end-of-year campaigns. Due to a retirement, Rae Anne Yuskowatz has been hired for Planned Giving, and she will be the one working with the Emeritus Association rather than Jill.
- B. Howard Booth** indicated that the EMU football team is going to the Ventures Bowl in Mobile, Alabama. Regrettably the bowl is on December 23 which is two days before Christmas, and this limits the ability of some people to attend; however, the game will be shown on TV. "Flipping the Script" was a conference held at the Student Center in which students indicated what they want from faculty, how to make syllabi more student friendly, how neurodiverse students can best be assisted, what AI teaching looks like from a student point of view, etc. Some emeriti and regular faculty attended. If repeated this may be an event in which more emeriti want to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Wednesday March 6, 2024, at 10 a.m.