

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
December 7, 2022**

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Richard Douglass, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Glenna Frank Miller, 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 November 2, 2022, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken reported** that there now are five categories of members: faculty, associates, honorary, staff, and lecturers. Associates usually are spouses of faculty who have died and are continuing in the relationships they established before their spouse's death. They support the department to which their spouse belonged. However, currently they are having problems coming to events, because they do not have a parking card. Discussion led to the decision that Sally should request parking cards for them. The cost to EMU is limited to the times when they come to campus, and this is not frequent.
- B. A REC/IM benefit agreed upon verbally has been stopped.** Bert Greene and Bob England agreed that a spouse also has free access to the Rec/IM. However, it is not in the contract and it has not been established long enough to count as past practice. Upon discussion it was agreed that Sally should bring this up with the administration to promote good will from the emeriti; they are major contributors to EMU.
- C. The Eagle Crest Golf Course benefit has been maintained.** Emeritus faculty receive the same deal as faculty have, and this was signed in a contract with Eagle Crest.
- D. It is not clear whether people still working are informed about retirement.** Some people contacting Sally did not know that they have to get their own Medigap policy. Executive Board members are asked to explore what recently retired people knew about retirement, and Human Resources will be contacted to make sure that people are informed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Attendance at the December 2, 2022, Holiday Social** was excellent. Between 740 and 750 people attended. People enjoyed the food. A recommendation for more greens was made. The parking gate still presented problems; it's imperative that someone from parking is at the gate during these events. Moving the event to daytime has been very helpful. This time the Marching Band and the EMU Choir performed. The timing makes entertainment by a variety of student groups possible, such as the Jazz Band or Gospel choir. After discussion it was decided that the

program should not begin at noon, because people are busy getting their food and greeting friends, making it very noisy for people presenting.

- B. Richard Douglass will continue the scholarship page** on the emeritus website after he retires from the Executive Board next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The next Business Meeting** is on May 19 from 12 to 3 pm. Provost Rhonda Longworth will speak for about 25 minutes and Richard Douglass will report on the US healthcare system. He will discuss ways in which it is very costly and ineffective, and how it can be improved. It is an area which he taught and in which he has a book to be published soon.
- B. Jean Bush-Bacelis and Glenna Frank Miller will work on programs** for future meetings. They are free to consider any program; however, they need to be mindful of the fact that the emeritus organization has no budget of its own. The Business Meetings are funded by the Provost's Office, and the Socials are funded by the Foundation. If funding is required, then funding needs to be requested from these organizations.
- C. The Studies Abroad program** is of interest to a number of emeritus members. It is an extremely important program for the development of students. A donation has been made to get the program started again. How to get it going needs to be explored, including how emeriti can join the program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Jill Hunsberger reported** that the fund raising is a great success. More than 1000 donors participated on the Day of Giving. A celebration to close out the campaign is planned for June 8, 2023. The goal has been a hundred million dollars and this goal will be exceeded. Some large gifts are still being arranged, including to renovate the first two floors of Halle library to make them better suited to students' needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Zoom on March 1, 2023.