

**Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
March 1, 2023**

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Barbara Scheffer, and Alida Westman.

Ex officio: Howard Booth, Emeritus Faculty Representative to the Foundation

The meeting was by Zoom and called to order at 10:08 a.m. after discussion of the effects of a massive ice storm which happened on February 22, 2023.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken reported** that she is working to secure parking cards for associates of the Emeritus Association and to get LAZ Parking to have someone present at the gate to the Student Union when there is a meeting, because there are repeated problems. It is unclear to many people which of the two cards they received is to be used and how to use it. Also the cards can demagnetize and not work.
- B. Sally is exploring** why the honor code for theater tickets no longer works. There has been turnover in theater management, and the new people may not know about the agreement for two tickets to each emeritus member. Brochures are sent out by the theater to people who have attended or have donated. There also is information on the emeritus website.
- C. Emeriti can use the REC/IM free of charge.** There was a verbal agreement between Bert Greene and Bob England that a spouse also has free access; however, this was not added to the contract and it has not been established long enough to count as past practice. Upon discussion it was agreed that emeriti should pay for spouses and dependents, because faculty also have to pay for spouses and dependents.
- D. Search Committee for a CHHS Dean.** Richard Douglass would like to be on the search committee; however, this has to be by invitation of the CHHS search committee. In the past there has been more concern about representation by alumni than by emeriti.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Program Committee consists of Jean Bush-Bacelis and Glenna Frank Miller.** They are urged to invite representatives from the alumni board. For the Fall Business Meeting program it has been suggested that each of the deans give a brief presentation. Upon discussion it was suggested that Jean and Glenna compose 3 questions for the deans to answer in 5 minutes and that the provost should invite the deans. If the deans cannot come, then the associate dean should substitute. It also was suggested that a unifying theme for the meeting be provided.
- B. Richard Douglass and Barry (Dave) Painter are resigning from the board.** Richard will continue the scholarship page on the emeritus website. Sally McCracken will confirm that the suggested candidates to

replace them for vote at the May Membership Meeting are still willing to serve.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Spring Business Meeting** is on May 19 from 12 to 3 pm. Provost Rhonda Longworth will speak for about 25 minutes and then 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 his book will be published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing this Friday, March 3. The title of the book is *The Evolution of the US Healthcare System: A Legacy of Opportunism and Greed*.
- B. Themes for future programs are to be considered with input from the emeriti.** To get emeriti more involved by having the association more relevant to them, Sally McCracken will send out an email requesting emeriti indicate which topics they are interested in. Further, deans and department heads will be reminded to invite emeriti to social and other relevant events in order to encourage mutually beneficial involvement.
- C. The Constitution and Bylaw of the EMU Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association are periodically reviewed.** The last review was in 2018 and members of the Executive Board are asked to review them again. If there are changes to be made, then these will be proposed at the Spring Business Meeting for vote at the Fall Business Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Howard Booth reported** that the fund raising campaign has been a great success and the celebration to mark the end of this campaign will take place on June 8, 2023.
- B. Howard also reported that Bill Shepard**, Vice President for Advancement & Executive Director of the EMU Foundation, is leaving and a search committee for a replacement is being formed. He is urging for representation of the emeriti on the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Zoom on April 5, 2023.