

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
June 7, 2023

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

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

The meeting was on Zoom and called to order at 10:02 a.m.

The minutes of May 3, 2023, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken welcomed Larry Gates and Nora Martin to the Executive Board.** She requested that their contact information be added and the years in rank be updated for distribution to the Executive Board.
- B. She reported that** Barbara Patrick, Head of Political Science, agreed to be the featured speaker at the Fall Business Meeting.
- C. Parking is still a challenge.** Emeriti are being ticketed even when their car is registered or when their license plate indicates permission to park in a handicap space. The pay lots are the only permissible lots to park in. Passes cost \$200 - \$300 per person per year, and so it is recommended that only those who actually come to campus should get one. Invitations to events should indicate where people should park.
- D. Getting places to hold our functions is a challenge.** The first Friday in June the McKenny Ballroom is available for the next 5 years. The certainty of having a reliable date and place is a plus and the proposal to register for this space for 5 years passed. However, it does present concerns for people with mobility issues. It was recommended that some members of the Executive Board come early to help people who are dropped off with mobility problems.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The speaker for the Fall Business Meeting** is set. Barbara Patrick, Head of Political Science, has agreed to be the featured speaker. Her topic is social justice.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Officers were elected unanimously: Sally McCracken for president, Jean Bush-Bacelis for vice president, and Alida Westman for secretary.**
- B. Feedback from the Spring Business and Social meetings.** The food was excellent, but perhaps more greens and less fried food would be better. The meats should not be buried. A pasta dish is available for vegetarians. It would help if speakers spoke for 20 minutes (with 10 minutes for questions) rather than 30 minutes. People may want to meet the new people on campus, such as the deans of HHS and COE and the

director of Enrollment. Perhaps beginning the program at 12:30 rather than 1 p.m. and not stopping but letting people go to the bathroom when they choose might be better than a scheduled break.

- C. Suggestions for the Fall Social in December included** having an ensemble from the EMU Gospel Choir sing. The choir is celebrating its 50th year. For the **Spring Social** the Forensics Team would be very welcome; they achieved 2nd place in a national competition.
- D. Jean Bush-Bacelis and Glenna Frank Miller will work on next year's meetings and events.** For the Social in May student achievement could be highlighted by reaching out to people on campus that are involved with forensics, programs in REC-IM, the Alumni Office, the Communications Department, Faculty Development, etc. Other ideas included collaborating with the alumni association's events, going to a Tiger's game for an EMU evening, inviting professors who are doing extraordinary things, having a women's philanthropy presentation, hearing from the physical plant, food services, children's theater, community outreach, joining M. L. King Day events, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Jill Hunsberger** indicated that the celebration of the very successful 7-year-long fundraising campaign will be tomorrow, June 9. The goal of \$100 million has been exceeded by \$16 million and by the end of the month this may be \$20 million.
- B. The search for a new Foundation vice president** is underway. It's expected that interviews will take place in July for a final selection of candidates by the end of July.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Zoom on September 6, 2023, at 10 a.m.