

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board Meeting
September 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

The meeting was on Zoom and called to order at 10:04 a.m.

The minutes of June 7, 2023, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sally McCracken** indicated that the president of the EMU Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association needs to have a written list of things she needs to tend to each year. Due to turnover, there is no institutional memory to remind people working at EMU, so the responsibility falls on the president to get specifics benefits enacted. For example, it is up to the president of the emeriti to make sure to remind emeritus members to register their car with parking and to inquire whether the parking cards for swiping at pay lots will be valid during the coming year. The president also needs to make sure that the provost's office highlights the parking privileges to new emeriti.
- B. Room scheduling challenges** are continuing as EMU rents out spaces to outside parties. The emeritus association has booked the McKenny Ballroom for the first Friday in June for the next 5 years. A location for the Business Meeting in October 2024 is not yet clear. All members of the Executive Board were urged to explore all buildings on campus to find the ones which have appropriate meeting places, for example, an atrium of adequate size. Access, especially for mobility impaired people, needs to be considered also. Specific board members indicated specific buildings which they would explore.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Fall Business Meeting** on October 13, 2023, is in the Student Center 310 A & B. There is no business to conduct. The featured speaker is Barbara Patrick, Head of Political Science, who will speak about social justice. EMU President Smith will speak briefly and introduce one of the new hires, the VP for Enrollment, Katie Condon.
- B. Food service** will come at 11:30 am. A buffet with lunch materials is preferred over boxed lunches.
- C. Sally will send out the agenda** in Mid-September as a reminder and an invitation will be sent with an R.S.V.P. to determine how many people will come.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Emeriti welcome emails but only in limited number.** Sally sends out newsletters and updates only five times per year, specifically after each of the five Board of Regents' meetings. Following discussion it was decided that the best strategy to provide further information is to include extremely brief but informative statements with links to other information and events in the newsletters and on the emeritus website. Jill Hunsberger and Howard Booth will check with the Alumni Association for events to which emeriti could be invited, such as the Toledo Zoo's light festival in early December. Jean Bush-Bacelis and Glenna Frank Miller will create a Fall & Winter and a Spring & Summer listing of EMU associated events, such as the Children's Theater, Women's Philanthropy, attending a Tiger game, etc. A link to "The Week at EMU" will be included on the emeritus website.
- B. Sally has almost completed the 2024 calendar** and she will send it out the moment it is done.
- C. Continuity of Executive Board members.** None of the third-year board members (Jean Bush-Bacelis, Skip Lawver, and Alida Westman) want to step down from the board, so no new replacements need to be found.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Howard Booth** indicated that the Foundation has a new VP for Advancement and Executive Director of the EMU Foundation, Maher Salah. The fundraising campaign has been very successful, and the Foundation is continuing to raise funds. Howard will help check whether the Alumni Association has activities to which they can invite emeriti.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on October 4, 2023, at 10 a.m.