

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

Present: Jean Bush-Bacelis, Richard Douglass, Gerald V. "Skip" Lawver, Sally McCracken, Glenna Frank Miller, Barry (Dave) Painter, 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 10:01 a.m.
The minutes of June 7, 2022, were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. Parking issues** for the emeriti were avoided by President Sally McCracken when she noticed that emeriti were not listed among the groups on the car registration website. She contacted Laz ParkEMU, arranged a parking process and sent it out to the emeriti. The process she sent out worked very well, and she will meet with David Davis, Administrative Office Manager of LAZ ParkEMU, to get a process implemented for future registrations.
- B. Room scheduling challenges have increased** due to rental by outside groups to provide income for EMU. The **Fall General Membership Meeting** will be on October 28 from noon to 3 pm in the Student Center Ballroom. The **Fall Social Meeting** is on December 2 from noon to 3 pm in the Student Center Ballroom. Meetings have to be scheduled a year in advance. The **2023 Membership Meetings** will be on May 19 and on October 13 in McKenny Ballroom.
- C. Provost Rhonda Longworth is planning her own gathering** to welcome all the new emeriti. There are a very large number new emeriti this time, approximately 115 new faculty and staff members, as a result of the pandemic and a buyout.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The Fall General Membership Meeting** is on October 28 from noon to 3 pm in the Student Center Ballroom. The registration process will be streamlined, masks are recommended, and a buffet will be provided. Howard Booth together with Skip Lawver and Gregory Peoples, arranged to have a speaker from the *A2go Autonomous Vehicle Initiative*. People can explore it by arranging on the *Initiative's* website a trip from where they parked to and from downtown Ann Arbor.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sally McCracken distributed the 2023 meeting schedule** by email.
- B. The 2023 Business Meetings** are scheduled for May 19 and October 13 from 12 to 3 pm in the Student Center Ballroom.
- C. Sally will inquire whether people have mobility or food concerns.** A reason for choosing the Student Center Ballroom is that it is larger and

this permits spatial distancing during the pandemic, parking is closer to the building and on the same level as the ballroom, so there is no need to take an elevator. In order to understand better emeriti's decisions about attending, Sally will ask emeriti about any concerns they have.

- D. Would an emeritus gathering on Zoom be welcomed?** Many emeriti are moving away, perhaps to live near family. It raises the question whether a gathering by Zoom would be welcomed. Technical help can be provided by students from the Student Ambassador Program developed by the Foundation.
- E. A new executive board member will be needed in 2023.** Richard Douglass is involved in many professional endeavors and as a result will not seek reelection. Membership on the Executive Board is meant to be representative of the colleges and staff. Currently the College of Education is not represented on the board. Discussion led to the names of various people who might be interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Foundation fund raising.** Jill Hunsberger reported that the fundraising had exceeded the goal of \$14 million as \$20,280,000 was raised. She mentioned a number of contributions of more than a million dollars. Emeriti are very generous and frequently donate through their wills. This year's goal is \$15 million.
- B. The Student Ambassador Program** of the Foundation will be restarted. The program involves training students to assist with gatherings on Zoom, showing potential donors around campus, arranging crowd-funding, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be on Zoom on October 5, 2022. Zoom is preferred not just because of the pandemic but because some board members are a considerable distance from campus.