

Eastern Michigan University  
Emeritus Fall Meeting  
Friday, October 13, 2017  
205 Welch Hall

- I. The Social Hour took place from noon to 1 p.m. Refreshments were served.
- II. Sally McCracken, President of the Emeritus Association, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.
  - A. She reported that faculty and staff with an emich.edu email address can download Microsoft Office for free or purchase other software for a reduced cost.
  - B. Many international students have gone to EMU and moved to other countries. Faculty will be contacted about foreign students with whom they are still in touch. The goal is to have these students form alumnae groups in their home countries.
  - C. As Bill Cline requested to step down from his role as webmaster. Bill will be difficult to replace.
- III. Provost Rhonda Longworth addressed our group.
  - A. She reported on the enrollment, budget, and construction projects at EMU.
  - B. Searches are underway for administrative positions including the Dean of Arts and Science.
  - C. Diversity, inclusion, sexual violence, and freedom of speech are ongoing concerns. Making sure that Black and international students feel welcome and safe is important. There are future plans to have Chinese students live in a new complex in Ypsilanti near Water street; however, it would be easier to include and safeguard them if they lived on campus.
  - D. All emeriti receive EMU Today (<http://today.emich.edu>) in order to stay informed about what is happening at EMU.
  - E. The Rosie the Riveter competition will take place on the EMU campus on October 14. (They are the new Guinness Book of World Records winner!)
- IV. Recognition of Service for Bill Cline  
Bill served for many years as secretary and webmaster. His contributions were acknowledged, and he was presented with a certificate.
- V. Old Business  
There was none.
- VI. New Business  
Revisions to the Bylaws and Constitution
  - A. The change in wording approved by the Executive Board was presented. Specifically, wherever "faculty" was mentioned, "and staff" was added. Also proposed was that the amendment provision be changed to 2/3rds of those members present at a Spring or Fall general membership meeting in place of a quorum of 10% of the membership.
  - B. A motion was proposed and seconded that, instead of adding "and staff," mention of "faculty" be dropped and only "emeritus" or "emeriti" be used. Discussion followed. People suggested that being explicit avoids misunderstanding, especially since the meaning of the term emeritus is unclear. Further, it ensures that staff will know they are welcome. Those favoring leaving off mention of faculty and staff argued that using only the term emeritus is more inclusive, and people can be educated about the meaning of the term "emeritus."  
The motion failed (9 in favor and 26 against).
  - C. It was moved and seconded that the changes in the Bylaws and Constitution be received at this meeting and presented for vote at the Spring General Meeting. The motion was accepted by acclamation.

- VII. Remembrances  
Margaret Bell, B. Joy Hansen, Alethea Helbig, Allen Myers, and Bruce Nelson.
- VIII. Program: Thriving in an Electronic World by Brian Filipiak (COE) and Joe Eastman (COT)
- IX. Adjournment at 3:20 p.m.