

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Fall Meeting
Friday, October 12, 2018
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.
- III. EMU President Jim Smith greeted people and reported on the state of the university.
 - A. He commented that this is his third year at EMU and that he finds the Fall especially exciting as students return or come for the first time to campus.
 - B. Graduation rates are calculated inappropriately in Lansing. Students who transfer from community colleges are not included in the calculation.
 - C. Enrollment during the summer increased in 2018 over 2017.
 - D. Construction projects are continuing on campus. President Smith invited people to drive by the Strong addition. It will be done ahead of schedule and he invited people to come to the opening of the building later this Fall.
 - E. Students organized to pay a fee for renovation of the gym. Their interests are different from previous generations and EMU needs to stay up-to-date.
- IV. Wendy Kivi was hailed as the new webmaster. The web address is www.emich.edu/emeritus. The website will have answers to frequently asked questions, such as which software can be downloaded for free, death benefits, etc. There will be a second page for remembrances.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Parking benefit. Anyone who has not registered can be registered at today's meeting.
 - B. Updating addresses. In order to be able to keep people informed, it is critical that people provide one reliable address, phone, and e-mail address.
- VI. New Business
 - A. The Spring Business Meeting will include a presentation on travel trips. Handouts about such trips were distributed.
 - B. A handout was distributed on a presentation by Dr. Allison Gibson on "Key themes for older adults in disasters: preparedness, recovery and response." It is sponsored by the Aging Studies Program.
- VII. Remembrances
Anita Fielder, Louis Gimelli, Raymond Hill, Lucy Parker, Omer Robbins, Mitchel Roberts McElya, Mary Francis Robek, Beverly Ann Shankwiler, Scott Westerman.
- VIII. Program: "Fitness for Life" was presented by Howard Booth, pole vaulting senior champion who coaches EMU pole vaulting athletes.
- IX. Adjournment was at 2:30 p.m.