

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Fall Meeting
Friday, October 11, 2019
205 Welch Hall

- I. The Social Hour took place from noon to 12:30 p.m. and again after 1:45 pm when the presentations were finished. Refreshments were served.
- II. Sally McCracken, President of the Emeritus Association, called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m., because EMU President Smith had to leave soon to attend an EMU Foundation meeting.
- III. EMU President Jim Smith greeted people and reported on the state of the university.
 - A. The 6-year graduation rate is up. Graduating in 4 years is not feasible for many of our students, because they work and some have multiple jobs.
 - B. Online courses fill very quickly, but the time schedule for courses on campus is very important for working students' ability to attend.
 - C. A new medical, psychological and counseling (CAPS) building is opening soon on campus along Huron River Drive.
 - D. A number of era appropriate programs are thriving, such as mechanical engineering, nursing, physician assistant, and neurobiology.
 - E. EMU is providing seminars in community writing centers for high school students in whatever type of writing they want to learn.
 - F. EMU was helped financially by 142 people taking the buyout.
 - G. Additional parking is being studied for a brown field.
- IV. 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. Changes in these should be provided to Sally McCracken.
- V. New Business
 - A. EMU has been endorsed as an Age-Friendly University (AFU). This involves a commitment to promoting age-inclusivity in teaching, research, and community engagement. The program was started by Andrea Gossett Zakrajsek, azakrajs@emich.edu, 734-487-3220, Director of the Aging Studies Program at EMU. People are requested to be part of an emeritus focus group. Please contact her or Dr. Cassandra Barragan (cbarrag1@emich.edu, 734-487-5823).
 - B. There were 3 additional flyers.
 1. For the 100th anniversary of the Versailles Peace Conference, Mark Jefferson's contribution will be celebrated at a symposium. For further information, please go to sites.google.com/emich.edu/jefferson-symposium or contact Jim Egge at jegge@emich.edu or 734-487-1018.
 2. A survey to assess diversity is available at emich.edu/diversity/assessment. For questions contact Dr. Dibya Choudhuri at dchoudhur@emich.edu
 3. People are asked to contribute to the Swoop Food Pantry to help students who are food insecure. The EMU Foundation account is

<https://www.emich.edu/foundation/give/index.php?fund=02225> or send a check to the EMU Foundation account 02225, PO Box 972057, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

People also were asked to contribute to the Cap & Gown Fund for students who cannot afford to buy a cap and gown to attend their graduation. They'll be able to borrow a cap and gown at the Swoop Pantry. The EMU foundation account is

<https://www.emich.edu/foundation/give/index.php?fund=02426> or send a check to the EMU Foundation account 02426, PO Box 972057, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

VI. Remembrances

Betty Brower, Gilbert Cross, Arthur Carpenter, and Marla Gousseff.

VII. Program: "Making the Most of Your Library Benefit" was presented by Dr. Kate Pittsley-Sousa, kate.pittsley@emich.edu, 734-487-2508. She indicated how to find articles free of charge, how Google-Scholar offers much more if accessed through the EMU library, so that academic credential are clear, and how EMU is trying to help students gain access to materials for classes, such as through the use of e-books and open ed resources.

VIII. Adjournment of the presentations was at 1:45 p.m.