

**Eastern Michigan University**  
**Emeritus Spring Business Meeting**  
**Friday, May 19, 2023**  
**310 A & B Student Center**

- I. **The Social Hour** with sandwich kits and beverages was from noon to 1 p.m.
- II. **Sally McCracken**, president of the EMU Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association, called the meeting to order and welcome people 1 p.m.
- III. **Sally McCracken introduced Provost Rhonda Longworth who gave an Update** on EMU's Academic and Student Affairs. Provost Longworth noted that
  - A. the enrollment decline has leveled off. There are currently slightly more than 14,000 students. Beginning students are at about the same number as before the pandemic, but the number of transfer students from community colleges and the number of graduate students are down. As Visas become easier to obtain, the number of international students is rebounding, but tension with China means that there are continuing to be fewer students from China.
  - B. programs on cybersecurity and for paraprofessionals in education, especially special ed, are popular and needed. Schools are trying to help children catch up to grade level following the decrease in achievement during the pandemic. Jobs for paraprofessionals are close to guaranteed, and these positions appeal to many minorities.
  - C. buildings such as Roosevelt and Sill are being renovated to serve the programs in them better. Halle library received a \$2 million dollar grant from the Halle foundation to renovate the first floor of the Halle library. Also with a grant, the arts facility is enlarging the sculpture studio.
  - D. it is hoped that new and renovated dorms will hold onto returning second year students better than has been the experience with the older dorms. A variety of dorms will remain available to provide more affordable places also.
  - E. support for students is expanding. The food pantry is thriving. A social worker has been hired to help with finding places to live and other needed services.
  - F. archives in the library is continuing to gather oral history of EMU.
- IV. **Old Business**  
None
- V. **New Business**

- A. **Introducing new emeritus members.** Please see below.
- B. **Richard Douglass and Barry Painter** were recognized for Exemplary Service on the EMU Faculty and Staff Emeritus Association Executive Board.
- C. **Election of new Executive Board Members.** With Richard Douglass and Barry Painter retiring from the board, the Executive Committee nominated Larry Gates and Nora Martin as replacements. Sally McCracken indicated willingness to serve another term. People spoke in favor of these nominees. No one else was nominated from the floor, and the slate was accepted by unanimous acclamation.

VI. **Remembrances** since October 2022. Please see below.

VII. **The Business Meeting Adjourned** at 2:05 p.m.

VIII. **Presentation by Dr. Richard Douglass, MPH, Ph.D. "The Evolution of the US Healthcare system: A Legacy of Opportunisms and Greed. "**

- A. The book and this presentation are intended for lay people.
- B. In 1945 as people returned from serving in the military during WWII, they indicated to their employers that they wanted to continue to have the healthcare provided by the military. A teacher's union in Texas started Blue Shield/Blue Cross, and health insurance was passed as tax deductible for corporations. This decreases the corporations' tax payments and means that all taxpayers pay for it. President Truman started this process and President Eisenhower sealed it.
- C. Premiums were always increasing, but since no one noticed, no one cared.
- D. To cover the people left out, such as retired people and farmers, Roosevelt's idea of having government be the first payer was voted in. The American Medical Association had opposed it previously, because it considered health insurance to be a private business.
- E. The poor, single moms, sharecroppers, and many farmers were still not covered. George Wallace stressed the importance of states and this emphasis led to a program in which the federal government would pay half and the states would pay the other half. The states would indicate who was eligible for coverage and what was covered. This led to a lot of inequality between states,

and a person covered by Medicaid in one state might not be able to accept a job in another state if the other state's Medicaid did not cover the person's health concerns. With 52 bureaucracies, Medicaid is about 30% more expensive than Medicare.

- F. There are many inequities in the healthcare system.
- G. Hospitals must get accredited and this costs about 15% of their revenues, but without accreditation they cannot get reimbursed.
- H. Canada is much cheaper for drugs and services, and the US despite being very expensive is not among the top providers of good healthcare.
- I. Many of Dr. Douglass' books are in France, because the proposal was made to copy the US system. President Macron and others are opposed to this and they are promoting the book in France as an argument against copying the US system.

## **NEW EMERITUS MEMBERS since October 2022**

**FACULTY: Ianwojcik-Andrews**, English Language and Literature; **Michelle Byrd**, Psychology; **Willie Peyton Cupples**, Special Education; **LaVerne Higgins**, Management; **Lisa Klopfer**, University Library; **Martin Shichtman**, English Language and Literature; **Pamela Speelman**, School of Art and Design; **Silvia Von Kluge**, Psychology; and, **Michael Williams**, School of Nursing. **STAFF: Donna Carcone**, Police Officer; **Winifred Martin**, Executive Assistant, Office of the Provost; **Nancy Oestrike**, Math Teacher and Placement Specialist; and **Diane Reynolds**, Dietetics Clinical Coordinator. **FACULTY: Abby Coykendall**, English Language and Literature; **Cathy Fleischer**, English Language and Literature; **Subhas Ghosh**, Visual and Built Environments; **Judith Kullberg**, Political Science; **Adrian Lottie**, Political Science; and **Karen Saules**, Psychology. **HONORARY EMERITUS FACULTY: Richard (Rick) Sambrook**, Geography and Geology. **FACULTY: Marguerite Daisey**, Teacher Education; **Carol Freedman-Doan**, Psychology; **Christine Karshin**, Health Promotion & Human Performance; and **Muralidharan Nair**, Health Promotion & Human Performance. **STAFF: Aida Beard**, Facilities Manager, Physical Plant; **Maria (Doris) Farrugia**, Accounting, Finance and Information Systems; and **Cynthia**

**Rodrigues**, State Coordinator, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. **HONORARY EMERITUS FACULTY STATUS: Theresa Merrill**, Director of Music Therapy. **STAFF: Colleen Clancy Tompkins**, Assistant Director, Housing and Residence Life

## **REMEMBRANCES since October 2022**

### **October 2022**

**Geraldine (Gerry) Kruse**, Accounting (**09/09/2022**); **Alan Ehrlich**, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology (**08/19/2022**); **Naj Ghosheh**, Biology (**08/17/2022**); **Robert Holkeboer**, English (**08/28/2022**); **Julie Myers**, Art History (**07/07/2022**); **John G. Pappas**, Leadership and Counseling (**06/12/2022**).

### **December 2022**

**Earl C. Meyer**, Technology Studies (**09/05/2022**); and **Twyla Racz**, Library (**11/30/2022**).

### **February 2023**

**Christopher Gardiner**, Mathematics (**02/18/2023**); **Robert Kraft**, English (**12/12/2022**); **Donald Lawniczak**, English (**12/27/2022**), and **Charlotte (Teddy) Wixom**, Physical Education (**01/14/2023**).

### **April 2023**

**David Gore**, Communication Technology (**04/22/2023**); and **Stewart "Stu" L. Tubbs**, Management, (**02/18/2023**).