

Eastern Michigan University  
Emeritus Spring Meeting  
Friday, May 12, 2017  
205 Welch Hall

- I. Emeritus Faculty Association President Sally McCracken called the meeting to order. She introduced herself and the members of the Emeritus Faculty Association Executive Board. She also informed the membership that the emeriti had representation on the search committees for Provost, VP for Advancement, and Athletic Director.
- II. EMU President James Smith welcomed people and shared updates on EMU, including information on our association with universities in China, planning of a new campaign, Strong Hall renovation, and diversity training. He indicated that the amount of money from the state is much less (about \$14 million), and this presenting budget challenges. EMU is working to recruit more international students and provide needed support when they come here. Prof Richard Douglass indicated that he is part of a group willing to provide housing for parents coming from Iran to visit their children. There is a great deal of concern that students from Iran cannot go home and expect to come back into the U.S., and their parents may not be able to visit. President Smith and Provost Longworth have asked the international students what they need and they requested mentoring, letters of recommendation, exposure to American society, etc. Meetings are planned to address these issues.
- III. Rhonda Longworth, recently appointed EMU Provost and Executive VP, reported that EMU will start a new program in neuroscience, a nursing practice doctorate, a religion studies major, and a mechanical engineering program. EMU is being site visited this year for institutional accreditation.
- IV. New faculty emeriti were presented by Emeritus Faculty Association President Sally McCracken. Provost and Executive VP Rhonda Longworth congratulated them. The new emeriti are Phillip Arrington, Jean Bush-Bacelis, Yvonne Calloway (Posthumously), Timothy Carroll, Kathleen Chamberlain, Margaret Crouch, John Dugger, Walter Hogan, Michael Kasenow, Mary Sue Marz, Joseph Ohren, Carol Pawloski, Melvin Peters, James Pinson, Linda Pritchard, Valerie Polakow, Weidian Shen, and Marjorie Ziefert.
- V. Old Business  
There was none.
- VI. New Business
  - A. Election for membership on the Emeritus Faculty Executive Board was by acclamation for Jean Bush-Bacelis and Gerald "Skip" Lawver.
  - B. Jeanette Hassan proposed that the Staff Emeritus Association merge with the Faculty Emeritus Association and that this proposal be sent out for vote to the emeritus faculty and the emeritus staff. Janet Campbell seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by all present. The process for receiving emeritus status would not change for faculty or staff. The Emeritus Faculty Association Constitution and Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated if the motion is approved by the emeriti.

- VII. The Remembrances were: Marjorie Chamberlain, Salvator Cianciolo, Bernard Decker, Werner Einstadter, Ranjit Tirtha, Jay Weinstein, and Marcus Adams.
- VIII. Program  
“Meet Linda Yohn!” Linda, a WEMU multiple award winning host of Morning Jazz, reviewed her life, societal changes, and changes in her profession.
- IX. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.