

Eastern Michigan University
Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Spring Meeting
Friday, May 10, 2019
352 Student Center

- I. Sally McCracken, President of the Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association, called the meeting to order.
 - A. She introduced herself and the members of the Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Executive Board.
 - B. She also thanked Debbie Clearwater, Executive Assistant for Academic Affairs, for her support of the emeriti.
 - C. She reminded people of the Emeritus Faculty and Staff Association Social on May 22 in the McKenny Ballroom from 3 to 5 pm. If people had not already done so, they were requested to RSVP.
 - D. She requested that the Agenda be modified to add an item under New Business. This was unanimously approved.
- II. Rhonda Longworth, EMU Provost and Executive VP, welcomed people and reported on upgrades of buildings and programs at EMU. Strong has been revamped and is a modern part of the science complex. Sill Hall has been renovated and is now home to the College of Engineering and Technology. A new clinic is being built and the College of Business upgraded. Additional administrative personnel are being hired. Graduation rates have increased. A master's degree in teaching in Special Education has been added, and the English as a Second Language program is growing. In psychology, Renee Lajiness-O'Neill has received a NIH grant to develop a method for tracking early milestones in children's development in order to look for patterns and early detection of possible problems; this involves application in addition to classroom work, just as the Clinical Ph.D. does. A challenge for the university is enrollment; demographically there are fewer people who would be available to enroll and with low unemployment rates fewer people are looking to register for classes. A voluntary early retirement program will be announced soon.
- III. Rhonda Longworth, EMU Provost and Executive VP, acknowledged new faculty emeriti and recognized each of them with a short biography.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Oral History Opportunity. Sally McCracken indicated that a handout has been distributed about being interviewed for the EMU archives and urged people to participate. Some of the people who participated shared their experience to encourage others to participate.
 - B. Sally McCracken also indicated that the Emeritus Website is being developed and has much useful information. Some of the details take time to develop and, therefore, the website is still a work in process.
- V. New Business

- A. Recognition of Exemplary Service. John Pappas has served on the Executive Board and contributed to the association for sixteen years. He is stepping down, and his contribution is gratefully acknowledged.
 - B. Election for membership on the Emeritus Faculty and Staff Executive Board led to the election for another three years of Sally McCracken and Richard Douglas. Barry "David" Painter was voted to be the new person on the board.
 - C. Sally McCracken and Alida Westman presented a need at EMU for some students about to graduate. Students have to buy their own cap and gown, and, as a result some can't afford to attend their graduation. A fund has been set up at Swoop's Pantry to make cap and gown available as a loan. People were asked to donate to this fund. It's Foundation fund number 02426
 - D. Program ideas were requested. People were asked to indicate their ideas on cards made available on the tables.
- VI. Remembrances. The following people were remembered: Calvin Fulton, Rachael Brett-Harley, Judy A. Sturgis-Hill, Duane M. Laws, Delmar L. Larsen, Valerie T. Moffett-Burke, Willie B. Morgan, Arlene Post, and Mary Teal.
- VII. Program: "Travel Abroad-Emeritus Tour?"
Benita Goldman described the tours which faculty could join, and she also asked for suggestions about tours in which faculty would be interested.
- VIII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.