

EMERITI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2014

President Brenda Vasicek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Bob Carter, Sayed Hashimi, Jerena Keys, Bob Kreuger, Walt Luecke, MaryKay MacIver, Jeffrey Nagelbush, Jerry Slywka and Brenda Vasicek.
Guests: Tom Cook

Announcements: A number of emeriti and students attended the Ferris Founder's Day events.

Emeriti have to be notified that when their contact information changes they have to notify HR if they want to continue receiving information from the Emeriti Association.

The Board of the Emeriti Association has been invited to tour the new University Center. Brenda will let the Board know when the tour will be held.

Secretary's Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Sayed Hashimi reported that 92 to 95% expenditures are for copies and postage. All of our funds come from donations. The Association is trying to move as many members as possible, including all new members, to electronic communication. In the long run this will reduce costs but there may be a time when costs go up when fewer members get paper mailings than the number needed for bulk mailing rates. We currently have \$4069.38, however there are still outstanding bills.

Alumni Office Liaison Report: MaryKay MacIver reported that Ferris Homecoming will be on October 4. The Alumni Association is sponsoring tailgating. The same day there is a Ferris home hockey game with the University of Michigan.

Social: EA Picnic at Hemlock Park was well attended. The EA Golf Outing had 25 golfers and 26 people attended the get-together with hors d'oeuvres that followed. Fall Luncheon will be at noon on October 8, 2014, at Clear Lake with a pasta buffet. Winter Dinner will be on December 9, 2014, location to be determined. The Spring luncheon will be on May 13 either at the University Center or the Rock.

Service: Jerena Keys reported the deaths of emeriti Gordon Golder, Harold Hankes, and affiliate members Carol Carlson, Joanne Dew, and Jody Wiest.

Membership: Brenda Vasicek reported that the following have been granted emeriti status with effective dates: Abbasabadi Alireza (December 15, 2014), David Bennett (December 31, 2014), Robert Friar (December 15, 2014), James Hoerter (December 15, 2014), Jonathan Karnes (May 16, 2014), Michael Ropele (May 16, 2014), David Smith-Greenwood (May 10, 2014), and James White (June 27, 2014).

Publicity: Notification of this meeting was posted in University-Wide Notices (Thanks MaryKay).

Ad Hoc EA Student Scholarship: Bob Carter reported that we have had eight donations totaling \$5300. After a meeting with our Ferris Foundation contact Karen Lerew it was determined that the Association is basically on its own in seeking donations. The committee will try to get a list of emeriti who already give to Ferris.

Professional Concerns: Jerry Slywka reported that the department head in Pharmacy left for family reasons. He also reported that there is a new staff center that will provide help similar to the help provided faculty by the teaching/learning center.

Senate Meeting: Brenda Vasicek reported that the Senate discussed whether there was anything they could do to raise Ferris' ranking in the US News ranking (60/195). The chair of the UCC is Olukemi Fadayomi. The student government wants to get more involved in retention. They are going to have a meeting on October 7 titled a State of the University meeting. The Senate also discussed some problems with Outlook. The Senate is now using clickers for attendance and voting. The Association needs one more date to be filled by a Board member.

Newsletter: The Fall newsletter should be out soon. The next deadline is October 1 for mail by November 1.

Old Business: A progress report on the 5-year plan ideas was discussed. The budget information was received and reported on. The other issues are still being worked on.

New Business: The Board viewed some proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws. Further discussion and voting will take place at the next Board meeting.

Next Meetings and Upcoming Events

October 6 – EA BOD meeting
October 7- Senate Meeting
October 8 – Fall Luncheon at Clear Lake
November 3 – EA BOD meeting
November 4- Senate Meeting
November 25- Senate Meeting
December 1 – EA BOD meeting
December 2- Senate Meeting
December 9 – Winter Dinner
January 7- Soup Talk
May 13- Spring Luncheon
Adjournment: 12:30 p.m.
Jeffrey Nagelbush, Secretary