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President's Post



The State of the Association: January, 2023

Demographics:

According to the University, as of January 25, 2023, we had a total of 733 members scattered across 33 states. Most members claim Michigan as their home state (599) while Florida (42) and Arizona (13) are the only other states with FSUEA membership in double figures. However, I am sure that the number of members who “winter” in these other two states would swell their numbers considerably when Michigan is a “winter wonderland.” In Michigan, the vast majority of mem-

bers (461) live in 3 counties: Mecosta (338), Kent (83), and Osceola (40). Members reside in only 43 of Michigan's 83 counties, and only 7 members list counties in the U.P. as their home residence. Every year, we add new members and lose existing members. In 2022, we added 25 members and regretfully lost 32 members. The Board of Directors contacts new members to inform them about the Association, privileges granted to members by the University, and invites them to upcoming social events. The Board also reaches out to the families of deceased members with condolences from the Association.

Finances:

The finances of the FSUEA are strong. As of September 30, 2023, our checking account had a balance of \$4,977.49. Our main expenses are printing and mailing costs, as well as partially underwriting the costs of social and professional events. In 2022, our Emeriti Endowment market value reached \$200,009.62, and our holiday “bucket campaign” added \$16,800 to this total. For the second year in a row, we were able to award

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5 scholarships of over \$1,400 to deserving undergraduate students at FSU. Our members regularly support the University's United Way campaign, giving over \$43,000 to this endeavor in the past 7 years including \$7,785 in 2022. This is roughly 20 percent of the total amount raised by FSU in 2022. Our members also annually contribute to many other endowments and causes across the University.

Business and Social Activities:

Our board meets once every other month, at 10 AM on the first Monday of even numbered months. These meetings are "hybrid" meetings so any members can attend in-person or on Zoom. We hold our annual business meeting in May every year. Major Association accomplishments in 2022 were a revision of our Constitution/Bylaws and a revision to our endowment's MOA (Memorandum of Agreement). The FSUEA is administratively part of the FSU Alumni Association and the FSUEA President has a seat on the FSU Alumni Association Board. As your President, I attend meetings when convenient and send a written report to the Alumni Board when I do not attend the meetings. We publish a newsletter 3 times a year to keep members informed of pertinent events and activities. We also routinely post items of interest on our Facebook page and the campus calendar. We have other social events throughout the year highlighted by our summer picnic and holiday dinner. Much to the delight of our members, President Pink attended our summer picnic this year. He spoke about his vision for the University and answered questions from the crowd. The most provocative question concerned whether or not the University will re-establish a "marching band." The President was non-committal with his answer, but the campus rumor mill is busy with this topic. The FSUEA is also instrumental in maintaining "Helen's Garden," which is a delightful, quiet R&R spot for the campus population. "Helen's Garden" is just off of Oak Street between the Prakken and Alumni Buildings.

Summary:

The FSUEA is alive and well, and our members continue to be active participants in helping Ferris State University fulfill its mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Carter, O.D., President, FSUEA

Editor note: This is the annual report which was submitted to the FSU Alumni Association Board of Directors at its February, 2023 meeting. See also "FSUEA Scholarship Endowment Update" on next page.



From the Social Media Coordinator

We are looking to enrich our media sites (Facebook/web page). To do that we would like Ferris emeriti to submit pictures, stories and information about things that Emeriti are doing. People that have them can email them to me or upload them onto our Facebook page. In either case a description of the activity should be included. Thanks,

MaryKay MacIver

MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu

The emeriti web page can be found here

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/alumni/Emeriti/>

And the Facebook page can be found here

<https://www.facebook.com/FSUEA>

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Helen's Garden

Helen's Garden is resting up for the spring season. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who helped keep the garden looking great this past summer: Jennifer Yontz-Barger, Teresa Cook, Fran Kantar, MaryKay MacIver, Judy Tressler, Don Stephen, and the members of Sigma Pi Alpha fraternity. We are seeking a new coordinator/coach to take over for Alice Bandstra, who has volunteered to lead the team for several years.

TUTORS NEEDED!

The Academic Learning Center would love to have your help with tutoring students. Even two hours a week is helpful, and you can pretty much set your own schedule. I have started an evening Accounting Workshop and thoroughly enjoy it – feels so good to be back on campus! If interested, please contact Karen Royster-James at KarenRoysterJames@ferris.edu. She is very responsive and a delight to work with. What a great way to serve Ferris and keep your brain active!

- Terri Cook

FSUEA Scholarship Endowment Update

We held our annual “bucket campaign” again this year in the first 2 weeks of December. However, donations to our endowment can be made at any time during the calendar year and the Ferris Futures program will match the donation. In calendar year 2022, forty-seven separate donations were received totaling \$10,250. With the match, we added \$20,500 to our endowment. So now the Book Value is over \$175,000 and the Market Value is over \$212,000. In the 2023-24 academic year, we will once again be able to award 5 undergraduate scholarships, each of which will be about \$1,500.

Any time during the year, you may donate to this fund by sending a check made out to **The FSU Foundation** with **Emeriti Endowment** written in the memo line. Mail to:

*The Ferris Foundation
420 Oak Street
Prakken 101
Big Rapids, Michigan 49307-2020.*

You can also donate on-line.

Thanks to all of you who have supported this endowment. For all of you who are considering donating in the future, the Ferris Futures matching program will continue in effect until December 31, 2024.

Bob Carter,
FSUEA President, FSUEA Fundraising Committee Chair

Granting of Emeriti Status by the FSU Board of Trustees

As of 2/20/2023

Alspach, Sandra – Professor, College of Arts, Science, and Education – Humanities, August 18, 2025

Colvert, Kim – Professor, College of Arts, Science, and Education – Physical Sciences, August 14, 2023

Cook, James – Service Desk Coordinator, Information Technology Services – IT Solution Center, January 6, 2023

Inabinett, Jean – Professor, College of Business – Accountancy Finance & Information Systems, August 14, 2023

LaPietra, Katherine – Professor, College of Arts, Science, and Education – University Theatre, May 8, 2023

Marion, David – Professor, College of Business - Management, May 8, 2023

Moore, Nancy – Admin Secretary to the Dean, College of Engineering Technology – Dean’s Office, January 20, 2023

Pearcy, Shelly – Vice President, University Advancement & Marketing, January 3, 2023

Seitter, Kelly – Professor, College of Engineering Technology – Construction, May 8, 2023

Skornia, Dale – Associate Professor, College of Arts, Science, and Education – Music, January 3, 2023

Walling, Philip – Professor, Michigan College of Optometry – Dean’s Office, January 6, 2023

In Memoriam: Current Faculty/Staff and Emeriti Deaths, Oct. 2022 — Jan. 2023

Emeriti:

10/31/2022 Mr. Dave Lerew

11/13/2022 Dr. Gary Nash

11/27/2022 Mr. Andrew Belew

12/13/2022 Dr. Jack Doneth

01/01/2023 Dr. Bob Krueger

Associate Emeriti:

10/20/2022 Mrs. JoAnn Walsh

10/23/2022 Mrs. Mary Louise Leach

Affiliate Emeriti:

01/15/2023 Mr. Jack Bates

Current Faculty & Staff:

None reported

If you need an Emeriti Association membership directory, contact MaryKay at MaryKayMacIver@ferris.edu to receive a digital copy in PDF format



Events Calendar



Upcoming Events March, 2023— August, 2023

April 3 — Board meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J, Zoom

May 8 — Spring Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Eisler Center, Ballroom A. Note our new location, The Rock Café will be closed for renovation. See reservation form on p.7

June 5 — Board meeting, 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., PRK 101J, Zoom

August 9 — Summer Picnic, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., Northend Riverside Park, look for FSUEA banner by pavilion

All FSUEA Board meetings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and held in Prakken 101J unless otherwise indicated.

FSUEA Board

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Fundraising Committee	Bob Carter
Director	Terri Cook
Director	Jane Pole

ONE DAY FOR DAWGS

Save the Date!

Emeriti Association members once again have the opportunity to be a part of Ferris' 4th annual day of giving – One Day for Dawgs on April 12th. Last year, 68 teams raised a record-breaking \$295,094! Over 1,700 donors, including 485 first-time donors, made 1,895 gifts to support the university's mission to provide a transformational experience for current and future students. Visit the One Day for Dawgs website at <https://www.ferris.edu/giving/oneday/homepage.htm> for more information and mark April 12th on your calendar.

Important Announcement for Annual Meeting

At its February meeting, the Board of Directors voted to recommend that the Professional Concerns Committee be deactivated, and the Fundraising Committee's description be modified in the FSUEA Bylaws. To make this effective, an amendment to the Bylaws must be voted upon by the membership at a duly called meeting. Notice is hereby given that this matter will be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting to take place May 8th at the David L. Eisler Center (formerly the University Center). See the reservation form for Luncheon and Annual Meeting on page 7. There will also be a vote for members to be elected to new, 2-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Here are the proposals to be voted on:

- 1) Remove the Professional Concerns Committee from the list of standing committees in the Bylaws
- 2) Remove the last sentence of the Fundraising Committee description in the Bylaws as follows:

To solicit donations from emeriti and others for our scholarship endowment and for any other special projects that the association takes on. ~~To make recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters relative to the awarding of scholarships, such as the dollar amount and number of awards given out annually.~~

Association seeks nominees for the Board of Directors

Jim Jacobs has announced plans to retire from the Board of Directors as of our next annual meeting, after 22 years of dedicated service to the Emeriti Association! Thank you, Jim for your decades of service, and Chris for sharing him with us!

If you are interested in being on the Board, please contact MaryKay to be placed in nomination. Nominations will also be called for and accepted during the annual meeting prior to the election.



49 emeriti donations were collected toward the University campaign this year, totaling \$7,785.00! This is nearly 20% of the Ferris goal of \$40,000 this year. Way to go! In the 2016-2017 campaign year, we began inviting emeriti to have their donations aggregated and counted in the University campaign. Since then, over \$43,000 has been donated by emeriti toward this annual campaign in support of our community agencies. Thanks to Jerena Keys for coordinating this effort by collecting and taking in the donation checks received.

**EMERITI SPRING LUNCHEON
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
Reservation Form**

The Spring Luncheon and FSUEA Annual Business Meeting will take place on Monday, May 8th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Eisler Center, Ballroom A (formerly the University Center) on campus. The cost is \$15.00 per person. ***Reservations and checks due not later than May 1st.***

PLEASE complete and return with your check

Name(s):
Address:
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a ride to the luncheon; please contact me at _____ (phone)

	Number participating	Total cost
Luncheon fee (\$15.00 per person)		
Total amount enclosed		

Please make checks payable to **Ferris State University** with **FSUEA Luncheon** in the memo line. Mail check and reservation form to arrive by **May 1, 2023** to:

**The Emeriti Office
PRK 101
420 Oak Street
Big Rapids, MI 49307**

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