WMU Emeriti Council
Minutes
January 10, 2012
Walwood Hall


I. Presentation by Jodie Laraway, Assistant Director of Scholarships & Loans.
   a. 30 students received $400 each in Fall, 2011, and book purchases can be made anywhere.
   b. Arnie, Terry, and Jodie will work together regarding awards for Fall 2012
   c. A letter of solicitation will go out to Emeriti, requesting donations.

II. Presentation by Nick Andreadis, Dean of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College
   a. Accompanied by Julie Ford, Office Administrator, Nick reviewed the 50 year history of the Honors College and shared plans for the year-long celebration.
   b. Members of the Emeriti Council reminisced, and Nick said they “need stories,” human stories, about the Lee Honors College.
   c. The letter going out to Emeriti regarding elections and solicitations for scholarship donations will also give information on the Honors College 50th anniversary.

III. November 8 minutes approved
IV. East Campus
   a. Gus raised issues about the future of East Campus, based on a request from administration about concerns. Arnie or Bob Beam will speak with President Dunn.

V. Lifelong Learning
   a. D. Terry and Ron gave updates. LLA needs a broader mailing list of prospective students. It needs to become self-sustaining. How to keep instructors coming back? Arnie suggested a “thank you” celebration for instructors. More volunteers needed.

VI. Spring Elections
   a. Bob Boughner gave update, with five Emeriti completing their terms: Ron, Sandra, Donna, Terry, and Bob Boughner. The committee is working on finding nominees.

VII. Emeriti Council website
   a. Discussed paying an IT student to do the List Serve—contact George Kohrman.

VIII. Break-Fest, Wednesday, August 8
   a. D. Terry will check with Political Science for a timely speaker, related to the upcoming presidential election.

IX. Wednesday II presenters
   a. A lively brainstorming session produced many creative ideas for future programs.

X. West Hills
   a. Reportedly won’t honor surviving spouses. Mary Cain and Arnie will check it out.

XI. Emeriti Scholarship students
   a. Larry will set up individual lunches with each of the three, and invite Emeriti Council members to participate, if available.

XII. The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m. Next meeting, Tuesday, March 6, 2 p.m. Heinig Emeriti Lounge, Walwood Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith H. Halseth, Ed.D.
WMU Emeriti Council
Minutes
March 13, 2012, 2 P.M.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2012

Book Scholarships
A few thank you notes received from this year’s recipients were passed around. It was noted that recipients have been finding out the source of their award after the fact and do not know where their acknowledgements and thank you notes should be directed. Arnie shared a draft of a letter to go to scholarship winners from the council on the council’s letterhead (including a listing of all council members). He will contact Jody Laraway and have her use this letter with any necessary additions for the award notification. Arnie will also follow-up with Jody regarding amounts and timing.

Lee Honors College Celebration
Arnie sent an email to council members with Dean Andreadis’ letter that he would like to go out to all emeriti faculty. It was agreed that this letter will go on the website, be included in the next newsletter and be emailed to the folks on Judith’s list.

Lifelong Learning
Terry reported that this semester there are 352 registrations from 220 students. Eighteen classes out of the original 21 are going including three trips and three Gilmore sessions. The first of the three trips (theater trip to Chelsea) was noted to be a success and the Jiffy Mix factory was a popular attraction. Ninety-seven new people joined this semester which makes the membership total 335. Ron indicated that there will be six courses offered this summer and the fall curriculum is currently being planned to include 25-28 classes. He mentioned that space requirements needed with continued growth could be a challenge. Both Terry and Ron thought that about half of the participants are community people (as opposed to university people) and the evaluations received continue to be positive.

Spring Elections
The council approved the proposed slate for this year’s election presented by the nominating committee, Bill McCarty and Bob Boughner. Letters will now go to candidates that include membership duties and an invitation to the May meeting. The ballot will be printed and go out by the end of March either with the newsletter or on its own if the newsletter cannot be completed by then. The ballot will include: Gus Gianakaris, Judith Halseth, Emily Hoffman, John Houdek, David Peterson, and Hal Ray. The ending term for these six will be July, 2014.

Emeriti Newsletter
Arnie will contact Judith regarding the next issue.

Faculty Recognition Dinner - Thursday, May 31
Ruth Heinig was suggested for this year’s welcome address and Tom Bailey was suggested for the responder from the newly retiring faculty. Arnie will contact them both. It was suggested that Dr. Nick Andreadis, Dean of the Honors College be asked for the Master of Ceremonies. Terry will make that contact. (Please note: Terry confirmed this less than ½ hour after the meeting adjourned. Ruth Heinig declined, and Arnie contacted David Isaacson, who accepted with pleasure).
BreakFest - August 8
A reminder to the council that John Clarke, chair of the political science department, will be the speaker for this year’s BreakFest. Bob Beam offered to follow-up with the Fetzer Center on the reservation and menu as well as with Shannon for the name tags.

Wednesday IIs— Fall 2012
The months of September, October & November have been lined up. Terry offered to contact the owner of Tiffany’s, Saad Mandwee, for a wine tasting event for the December Wednesday II. These will be in more detail in the next newsletter and on the website.

Medallion Scholarships
Larry could not make the council meeting, but submitted the following email report:
Judith, Bill and I had late breakfast/early lunch with Josh on Feb. 13 at Sophia’s House of Pancakes (Josh’s choice). On Feb. 17 I had lunch with Emily and Alyssa at the Crow’s Nest (their choice). All are well. Josh hopes to have an internship with Google this summer. Emily plans to take a year off to study for the LSAT exam and to rest. Alyssa is not sure of her summer plans...probably rest and work. At the next meeting I hope to report on the financial standing of the Medallion Scholarship fund. It is probably a little early to consider offering a 4th scholarship. We can look at the numbers and get some advice from folks. The conservative choice would be to stick with three. Emily will graduate this year so we will be adding a new student to replace her.

Old Business
Arnie reported that he and Mary Cain (WAARF) met with Jan VanderKley regarding the situation of West Hills benefits having been taken away from surviving spouses of Emeriti. Jan’s negative response following the meeting prompted Arnie and Mary to meet with John Dunn. A definitive response from the president is in the offing.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 8, 2012

Respectively Submitted

Linda Law, Ed.D.
Substitute Recording Secretary
WMU Emeriti Council
Minutes
May 08, 2012, at 2 p.m.


Absent: Sandra Edwards, Bill McCarty.

I. March 13, 2012 minutes approved

II. Reports and Updates

A. Book Scholarships
   1. Solicitation letter will go out in July to Emeriti; will include revised list of Emeriti Council members; Annual Giving office needs copy of letter with signatures.

B. Spring Election report
   1. New EC members: Emily Hoffman, John Houdek, David Peterson, and Hal Ray; re-elected: Gus Gianakaris and Judy Halseth. Officers elected: Judy Halseth, Chair; Gus Gianakaris, Vice Chair; action pending on Secretary/Newsletter Editor.
   2. Outgoing EC members were thanked: Arnie Johnston, chair; Donna Oas, vice chair; Bob Boughner, Ron Crowell, Sandra Edwards, and D. Terry Williams.

C. Lifelong Learning Academy
   1. Registration underway for summer sessions; spring registration higher, with 300 members; financially in good shape; 27 courses for fall.
   2. Question posed: how big do we want LLA to become? Need 500 members to be eligible for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute grant.

D. Newsletter
   1. Scheduled for completion in next few weeks—Judy Halseth.

E. Wednesday II
   2. Thanks to Ron Crowell for his work on the programs; fall semester is almost finalized. Ruth Ann Meyer and Linda Law will continue arranging Wednesday II programs; they seek more committee members.

F. Break-Fest
   1. Wednesday, August 10, Fetzer Center, 8:30 a.m. Shannon is working on the flyer, to be inserted in newsletter.

G. Website
   1. Linda Law continues to manage the website.

H. Medallion Scholars
   1. Larry Oppliger reports that Emily Wacyk graduated; Alyssa Murray and Josh Kallen continue, and we will support a new Scholar in the fall.

I. West Hills
   1. Surviving spouses still not eligible. Arnie will ask Mary Cain.

J. WARF (Western Association of Retired Faculty)
   1. Good idea to have someone who is involved with both the Emeriti Council and the WARF Steering Committee.

III. Next meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith H. Halseth
WMU Emeriti Council Minutes for July 10, 2012


Absent: Bob Beam, Linda Law (arrived at 3 pm), Larry Oppliger.

The May 8, 2012 minutes were approved.

Reports and Updates.

a. Break-Fest, Wednesday August 8 at 8:30 am. The speaker will be John Clark, chair of political Science, speaking on “The 2012 presidential election: The most important election of our lifetime?” Bill McCarty will invite Shannon Landis to the break-fest, where we will be thanking her for all she does for the Council and presenting her with a gift.

b. Book Scholarship letter and corrected/updated Wednesday II mailing. It was recommended that the cumulative amount donated appear in the letter, in our newsletter, and in the Western News. The letter will go out by the end of July.

c. Wednesday IIs. We discussed possible speakers and topics for 2013. Ruth Ann Meyer and Linda Law are working on this, and will be joined by Gus Gianakaris. Possibilities were Virginia Jones, Tom Bailey, the Kalamazoo Promise, plans for East Hall and the east campus, Sharon Carlson.

d. Lifelong Learning. There are two brochures for 2012-13, one for the trips and one for the courses. They are posted on the emeriti web site and will be mailed to emeriti.

e. Website. Linda Law is working on the website.

f. Newsletter. WMU sends out about 600 copies of the newsletter twice each year. Ken Dickie is the newsletter editor.

g. Medallion Scholars and Scholarships. We support 3 students at any time. Alyssa Murray and Josh Kallen are our continuing students and one new student will be named for the coming academic year.

h. E-mail list serve. This is not active.

i. Task list for officers and committee members. This was distributed and whether we will update it will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

j. West Hills memberships. We will ask WARF about the issue of whether surviving spouses are given free memberships at West Hills.

New Business. Bronco NetId. The Emeriti Council has its own e-mail address and NetId.

We adjourned at 2:55 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 11, 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Emily Hoffman, secretary
WMU Emeriti Council
Minutes
September 11, 2012, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2nd Floor, Walwood Hall

Judy Halseth called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.
Absent: John Houdek, Bill McCarty, Larry Oppliger, and David Peterson.

1. The agenda was approved.

2. The minutes of July 10, 2012 were approved.

3. Reports and Updates
   a. Break-Fest evaluation. There were 75 attendees at the break the fest. Gus Gianakaris will coordinate the Break-Fest for Aug 14, 2013.
   b. Life Long Learning—The Open House was well attended on Aug 23. Course enrollments are strong with over 400 academy members (people who paid the membership fee).
   c. Newsletter—Ken Dickie. The Jan.-May programs will be ready soon, and will go in the newsletter. The newsletter should go out before the January Wednesday II. The newsletter goes out twice a year. Ken will aim for Nov. 1 for the newsletter to be sent to Shannon Landis. We briefly discussed whether to add death notices; decision delayed. May 1 is the date for the second newsletter.
   d. Website—Linda Law reported that the new officers are listed on the web site.
   e. Wednesday IIs—Linda Law and Ruth Ann Meyer reported that refreshments and set-up for September 12 is arranged. Programs in 2013 are being planned. We should greet people.
   f. Medallion Scholarships—Larry Oppliger. Garret Gagnon has been awarded a medallion scholarship. There are 3 students in total receiving emeriti medallion scholarships.
   g. Emeriti Textbook Scholarships. $9,391 was raised and Jodie Laraway has selected 23 students to receive awards of $400 each.
   h. Retiree Flu Clinic—Wed Sept 12, 9-2, room 3131 of Sindecuse Health Center.
   i. Nominating and Election Committee—Bill McCarty. Bob Beam is added to the committee.
   j. Email List-serve—Linda Law got the list from the directory and is scanning it and trying to update the e-mails.
k. WARF—West Hills and lack of eligibility of surviving spouses. Ruth Ann will call Mary Cain.

i. Bronco NetID—volunteer to contact Carol Olmstead, OIT Computer Acct Coordinator, re emeriti-council@wmich.edu This has been delayed until next time.

4. New Business
   a. We might decorate the Emeriti room with photos from the archives. However, framing of photos will be a financial problem. We may get some paintings from the Frostic School of Art. This is delayed until the next meeting.
   b. More publicity of the Emeriti Council, such as an article in the Western News, was proposed.
   c. Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner. We provide the Master of Ceremonies, an emeriti for “Welcome to the Ranks of Emeriti,” and a new retiree for “Honoree’s Response.” The Faculty Senate plans the event.
   d. The Task List for Officers and Committee Members, draft 08/31/2012, was reviewed and some changes were suggested.
      i. A guide for involving Emeriti Council members in the work of the Council.
      ii. Begin work on updates, corrections, and additions. Include the suggested dates for the newsletter of Nov. 1 and May 1.

5. We adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

The Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hoffman, Secretary
WMU Emeriti Council
Minutes
November 13, 2012, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
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Dr. Susan Stapleton, Dean, of the Graduate College, spoke to us, with a power point presentation of what she and her office do. She promotes graduate education at WMU.
- There is an e-newsletter available at [http://www.wmich.edu/grad/standard](http://www.wmich.edu/grad/standard).
- WMU was invited to apply for a grant which is only available to Carnegie ranked research universities. The graduate college is on Facebook and twitter at twitter.com/WMUGradCollege.
- WMU has a graduate college blog at [http://wmugradcollege.wordpress.com/](http://wmugradcollege.wordpress.com/).
- WMU has a graduate ambassadors program.
- WMU has accelerated degree programs, where one can graduate in 5 years with a bachelors and masters degree. These are being marketed now.
- The 27th annual national NAGPS conference will be at WMU in 2013.
- WMU needs to move to on-line applications. WMU still accepts paper applications.
- WMU went from 2% to 22% minority graduate students in the STEM (science, technology, mathematics, and engineering) areas in 10 years.
- WMU is working to identify mentors for graduate students going into academe.

Dr. Stapleton wants the number of graduate students to increase from 5000 to 6000.
WMU awards 112 to 117 PhDs each year.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of September 11, 2012 were approved.

Reports and Updates

a. Newsletter report by Ken Dickie. The newsletter is ready and will be assembled and sent out on Thursday morning. The second newsletter may be scheduled for May 1 (which would be in 5 months).

   1. Everything is ready for November 14, with Richard Katrovas, Professor of English, “The Prague Summer Program”—WMU’s Writing Program.
   2. December 12, Wine Tasting, Saad Mandwee, 5 p.m., Richmond Center, $10 registration with Shannon Landis. Arranged by D. Terry Williams.
      1. The Emeriti Council will bring snacks.
   3. Programs in 2013 are planned with Mark Daniel, Tom Bailey, Sister Ginny Jones, Bob Miller, and a trip to Wolf Lakes Fish Hatchery.

c. West Hills. Judy reported on President Dunn’s meeting with Johnston, Cain, & Halseth, regarding surviving spouses. Judy reported that the first year is free. Then there is a subsidy. The surviving spouses pay $159, rather than the $750 they would otherwise have to pay. There are about 3 to 5 surviving spouses taking advantage of this. Better communication is needed. Surviving spouses also need (would like) parking stickers so they can attend functions. The emeriti and WARF will work on this together. The general feeling was that WMU is being penny wise and pound foolish, that these surviving spouses are potential or actual donors who should be treated better by the university.

d. Nominating and Election Committee. Bill McCarty reported that nominations are needed for four people to replace Beam, Law, Oppliger, and McCarty. He and Bob Beam are working on a slate. Nominations should be sent to William McCarty.

e. Life Long Learning. The next brochure will be published soon.
f. Medallion Scholarships. Larry Oppliger reported that we support 3 students. We would like to raise money for a 4th which would require raising $350,000. That could be a goal. There was general agreement that the grants should be increased to $17,000, not the $12,500 WMU currently funds them at.

g. Book Scholarships. Judy reported that many recipients wrote thank you letters.

h. Other committee reports, or updates, or new business. For the retirement dinner in May, we are responsible for procuring an Emcee, an emeriti to welcome new retirees, and a new retiree to respond. The medical school dean was suggested as a possible speaker for the break the fast.

i. Task List for Officers and Committee Members.
   Postponed until a future meeting.

Adjournment at 3:10 p.m.

Next Meetings: Tuesdays, January 8; March 12; May 7, 2013
(Note the May meeting is the first Tuesday, because Wednesday II meets May 8)

Emily Hoffman, Secretary