WMU Emeriti Council
Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 2 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Commons, Walwood Hall


2. We welcomed new member, Garrard Macleod.

3. The agenda was approved.

4. The minutes of November 12, 2013 were approved.

5. The treasurer’s report was presented by Larry Schlack. There is $1.2 million in the Medallion scholarship fund. The book scholarship fund had $9,910. We have $2,500 available from the president’s office for 2013/2014, $2,000 for the following year 2014/2015, and $1,500 for the following year 2015/2016. The fund has $2,351.78 as of now.

6. The newsletter update was presented by Larry Schlack. The next issue will be in April. On Nov 12, we discussed considering emailing emeriti regarding potential for electronic version to save printing and mailing costs. We continued this discussion. About 650 newsletters are sent out. An estimated 1/3 do not use email. Bulk mail or non-profit mail could possibly be used.

7. Nominations for election were presented by Hal Ray.
   a. New nominees are John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, and Joyce Zastrow.
   b. Continuing nominees are Emily Hoffman, John Houdek, David Peterson, and Hal Ray. They are eligible for a second two-year term, and all are willing to continue.
   c. Going off after four years are Gus Gianakaris and Judy Halseth.
   d. Installation will be at the May meeting. A new chair and secretary will need to be chosen at the March meeting.
   e. Ballots will be sent to emeriti, either in the mailed newsletter or separately.

8. The Fundraising committee consists of Andy Brogowicz, Emily Hoffman, John Houdek
   a. At the Nov 12 meeting, Andy recommended developing “Declaration of Intent” for Book Scholarship Fund; he’ll work on it.
   b. For the March 11 meeting, Andy will invite Jodie Laraway from Student Financial Aid and Scholarships to tell us how book scholarship recipients are selected.

9. Wednesday II committee consists of Gus Gianakaris, John Houdek, Bruce Haight, Pat Lemanski, and Hal Ray.
   a. A microphone will be requested.
   b. Review of Jan 8, Tim Light, “Communities in Schools in Kalamazoo.” Because of bad weather, only a dozen people attended. We will invite Tim to speak again.
   c. Feb 12, Jim Bosco, “American Education in the Third Era.”
d. Mar 12, Bruce Haight, “The Woodcarving of Lamidi Fakayee: Four Generations of Yoruba Masters and Apprentices.” Bruce gave a preview of his presentation and the art. Twenty eight faculty from WMU went to Nigeria to start a college, which was very successful.

e. Apr 9, Larry Schlack, “John Dewey comes to WMU: the campus school and progressive education.” Larry gave a preview of his talk. We may have a field trip to the former campus school.

f. May 14, Sharon Carlson, field trip at Zhang Legacy Collections Center, Oakland Drive, “Regional Treasures.”

10. BreakFest, Wed Aug 13, 8:30 a.m., Fetzer Center. Speaker possibilities were discussed. Marilyn Schlack, KVCC President, will be asked to speak on Community Mental Health and a KVCC culinary school, which will be built near the Bronson Hospital campus on 15 acres. The Wednesday II committee will plan the meal and other details.

11. The Wine Tasting of Dec 11, 2013 was reviewed. We will probably do this again next year. Forty people attended and enjoyed themselves.

12. Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL)
   a. The Winter/Spring catalog was mailed in Dec, with 29 courses, plus trips
   b. www.wmich.edu/offcampus/lifelong
   c. Nineteen people are registered for the Cuba trip in February.

13. The Medallion Scholars program was discussed by Sandra Edwards. Sandra, Larry, and Judy attended the Medallion installation, and several emeriti lunched with our students. Contact Sandra if you wish to attend a lunch.
   a. Alyssa Murray, Garrett Gagnon, Ana Morales are our three Medallion Scholars.

14. The Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner will be held Thursday, May 29.
   a. Emeriti Council is responsible for recommending emcee, welcomer, and responder. We are considering new (different) people. Lyda Stillwell and Von Washington were suggested. Sue Davenport, Faculty Senate office, coordinates the event.

15. Adjournment at 3:05.

16. Next Meetings **March 11 and May 13.**

Emily Hoffman, Secretary with editing by Judy Halseth, Chair
1. Judith Halseth called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.
2. Present were: Andy Brogowicz, C.J. Gianakaris, Bruce Haight, Judy Halseth, Emily Hoffman, Pat Lemanski, David Peterson, Hal Ray, Larry Schlack. Excused absences were Sandra Edwards, John Houdek, and Gerrard Macleod.
3. The agenda was accepted.
4. The minutes of January 14 were accepted.
5. Larry Schlack gave the treasurer’s report.
6. Andy Brogowicz gave the Medallion scholar report, and book scholarship fund report, which has $8,851 in it. Four letters received from recipients of book scholarships were circulated.
7. Larry Schlack, newsletter editor, said the newsletter should come out after the election, which is April 16.
   a. There is a need for a couple of volunteers to work with Larry on writing, editing, and proofreading; plus “many hands make light work” for the mailing party.
   b. On Nov 12 we had discussed “Consider emailing emeriti regarding potential for electronic version; save printing and mailing costs.” And we discussed this again.
8. Jodie Laraway, the Assistant Director of Scholarships and Loans, spoke at 2:30 p.m. She was contacted by Andy Brogowicz.
   a. The Emeriti Council’s book scholarship award is based on both merit (GPA) and financial need. It is not awarded to freshmen. It is awarded to two students from each of 12 programs. 24 students received $400 each in the Spring or Fall semester.
   b. $400 is a budgeted average amount for books per semester.
   c. We discussed points to use in our fund-raising letters and in the newsletter.
9. Wed IIs—Gus Gianakaris gave the Wednesday II report. The committee consists of John Houdek, Bruce Haight, Pat Lemanski, Hal Ray as well as Gus. Upcoming speakers were reviewed.
   b. April 9, Larry Schlack, “The Campus School and Progressive Education.”
   c. May 14, Sharon Carlson, field trip at Zhang Legacy Collections Center, Oakland Drive, “Regional Treasures.”
   d. For the Fall, Tim Light will be invited back to speak in September.
   e. October will be Helen Ann Robin.
   f. November will be a hearing aid speaker (or possibly Bruce Haight).
   g. December 10 is the wine tasting.
   h. May 13, 2015 will be Stanley Robin.
   i. We may have a new room in Walwood (or in the remodeled East Hall), because it is hard to fill the coffee machine with water, furniture has to be moved, and there is no speaker system for microphones.
10. Gus Gianakaris gave the report on the BreakFest scheduled for Wed Aug 13, 8:30 a.m.
   a. The Fetzer Center has been reserved.
   b. Gus discussed the menu. Gluten-free items will be available and marked. New committee members are needed as Gus is going off the council.
   c. The speaker will be Marilyn Schlack, President of KVCC.
11. Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner—May 29
   a. We discussed who could act as emcee, welcomer, and responder. Once we choose them the names will be sent to Susan Davenport from Faculty Senate for “approval,” then invited to fill that role. We discussed Gerard Macleod as the emcee. Margaret Merrion could be welcomer [Molly Williams became welcomer]. For responder, Peter Krawutschke and others were mentioned [Peter became responder].
12. Hal Ray reported that the ballot for election in April is to be mailed soon; to be returned to Nancy Dyksterhouse by Apr 16.
   a. Nominees are John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, Joyce Zastrow; Emily Hoffman, John Houdek, David Peterson, and Hal Ray are eligible for a second two-year term. Going off after four years are Gus and Judy.
13. We will need to choose a new chair for the Emeriti Council, to assume the role on May 13, as well as other officers to continue in 2014-15.
14. For fundraising, Andy Brogowicz, Emily Hoffman, and John Houdek had no report.
15. Larry Schlack reported on the Medallion Scholars.
   a. Our three scholars are Alyssa Murray, Garrett Gagnon, and Ana Morales.
   b. Lunch will be hosted by Larry Schlack, on Friday, April 4, Park Club, at noon.
16. The webmaster, David Peterson, had no report.
17. There was no report concerning the Faculty Senate.
18. There were no other committee reports, updates, or new business.
19. Adjournment at 3:15 p.m.
20. Next meetings will be May 13, July 8, and September 9.

Secretary Emily Hoffman with editing by Judy Halseth, Chair
1. Chair Judy Halseth welcomed us and called the meeting to order at 2pm.
2. Attending were the outgoing and incoming members. Incoming are Garrard Macleod, Joyce Zastrow, and John Geisler. Outgoing after 4 years are Judy Halseth and Gus Gianakaris. Continuing are Emily Hoffman, Bruce Height, David Peterson, Andy Brogowicz, Larry Schlack, Pat Lemanski, Sandra Edwards, John Houdek, and Hal Ray. Not present was John Houdek.
3. There were no additions to the agenda. The minutes from March 11 were approved.
4. Larry Schlack gave the treasurer’s Report. He had the balances for the Emeriti medallion scholarship fund, for the Emeriti council book scholarship fund, and for the Emeriti balance of our budget at the President’s office. Wine tasting expenses were not available.
5. Andy Brogowicz had no Fund report, as there were no changes in the two Emeriti funds, which Larry reported on.
   a. The spring issue is in process. Remember, “many hands make light work” for the folding and mailing party this Friday morning (5/16) at the Administration building, conference room.
   b. Volunteers are working with Larry on writing, editing, and proofreading.
   c. The potential for a future electronic version was postponed for now.
7. Wed II—Gus Gianakaris, John Houdek, Bruce Haight, Pat Lemanski, and Hal Ray. Gus is leaving the program committee as of July 1, and Bruce will become chair of the committee. Due to an unusually severe winter season, many programs from 2013/2014 are being rescheduled for 2014/2015.
   a. May 14, Sharon Carlson, field trip at Zhang Legacy Collections Center, Oakland Drive, and “Regional Treasures.” Timothy Light will speak on Communities in Schools in Kalamazoo. Helenan Robin will speak on Egypt. Bruce Haight will speak on woodcarving of Lamidi Fakeye from Africa. The Third annual Wine Tasting is planned for December. Stan Robin will speak in May 2015.
8. BreakFest will be Wed Aug 13, at the Fetzer Center at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and 9 a.m. for breakfast.
   a. Gus reported that arrangements are completed and information will be in the Newsletter to be mailed on May 16. Larry Schlack will introduce Marilyn Schlack.
   b. The speaker will be Dr. Marilyn Schlack, President of KVCC, speaking on the “Health Focused Campus.”
9. The Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner will be on May 29.
   a. 5 to 5:45 p.m. reception, East Ballroom, Bernhard Center; plus dinner and program.
   b. RSVP to Sue Davenport by Thurs May 15; faculty-senate@wmich.edu
c. Emcee, Garrard Macleod; welcomer, Molly Williams; responder, Peter Krawutschke. The Faculty Senate sponsors this event. The Emeriti Council is responsible for choosing the emcee, welcomer, and responder.

   a. Elected: John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, and Joyce Zastrow; and for their second two-year term: Emily Hoffman, John Houdek, David Peterson, and Hal Ray. Going off after four years: Gus Gianakaris and Judy Halseth.

   a. Sandra Edwards and David Peterson are elected as co-chairs. The other officers will continue except Hal cannot continue as VP. A VP is not needed when there are 2 co-chairs. The treasurer will be Larry and the secretary will be Emily. Bruce will head the program committee. Emily will send out the reminders of Wednesday II each month, getting the description from the program committee.

12. Garrard Macleod was chosen as a new committee member for the Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner.

13. The fundraising committee is Andy Brogowicz, Emily Hoffman, and John Houdek. There was no report.

14. Medallion Scholars—Sandra Edwards spoke about our three current medallion students. The students really enjoyed coming to lunch with emeriti council members. Larry Schlack hosted the lunch on April 4 at the Park Club. Our three students are Alyssa Murray, Garrett Gagnon, and Ana Morales.

15. David Peterson will continue as Webmaster.

16. Andy Brogowicz added that we need to select and approve an emeriti for the Faculty Senate in February.

17. There were no other committee reports, updates, or new business.

18. Judy discussed Osher Life Long Learning Institute. We may and/or hope to be getting an endowment from Osher. OLLI is the acronym for Osher Life Long Learning.

19. On July 1 the incoming council members and officers start their terms.

20. We adjourned at 3:10 pm. The next meetings are **July 8 and September 9.**

Submitted by Emily Hoffman, Secretary, with editing by the Chair, Judy Halseth judith.halseth@wmich.edu  (327-9438)
WMU Emeriti Council Minutes
Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 2 p.m.

Rare Books Room, Waldo Library

1. Attending were Andy Brogowicz, Sandra Edwards, John Geisler, Bruce Height, Emily Hoffman, Pat Lemanski, Garrard Macleod, David Peterson, Hal Ray, and Larry Schlack. Also Amy Routhier, guest, Major Gift Officer from the Development and Alumni Office. Not present were John Houdek and Joyce Zastrow.

2. Welcome by Sandra Edwards at 2 pm. There were no additions to the agenda.

3. The minutes of May 13 were approved with the addition requested by Andy Brogowicz as follows: “We need to select and approve an emeriti for the Faculty Senate in February”. This will be added to the minutes of May 13.

4. Treasurer’s Report by Larry Schlack. There was discussion of the history of funding the Emeriti Council. According to Andy, it was started under President Bernhardt in 1988, and had been informally funded by the President’s office, without a treasurer, and without a specific budget. Larry is our first treasurer, as far as we know. President Dunn gave us $2,500 in 2013, $2,000 in 2014, and will give us $1,500 in 2015. Our current balance, including the $2,000 just received, is $4,399.94. Beginning July 2016/17, the Emeriti Council needs to be self sufficient.

5. Newsletter update by Larry Schlack. While we are supposed to become self sufficient, this was questioned, as Emeriti are among the largest donors to the WMU Foundation. Our biggest expense is the newsletter. We have approximately 104 active emeriti who come to Wednesday II. Amy reported date gathered from the University Relations Department that there are 554 living emeriti and 422 residing that are in Michigan. Amy Routhier, who works in Alumni Relations and the Development Office, spoke to us about an electronic newsletter that her office could distribute for us. Amy raised the question, “How will we collect the e-mails and where will we store the addresses?”. Their system can track data such as if the newsletters were opened and if e-mails addresses bounced. We discussed the definition of what exactly is an emeriti. There is no cost to us to use the Development Office’s services. We can have electronic links on our newsletter. Advantages to us would be data such as how many clicked on our links. There was discussion of having a variety of methods of raising revenue since Dr. Dunn’s office would like us to be self sufficient by 2017. Per discussion of the Council and Amy Routhier, the action taken was to form a committee to develop a survey of the emeriti with the development office. David Peterson, Gerrard MacLeod, and Andy Brogowitz volunteered to develop a survey with the development office.

6. Break-fest was discussed and planned. According to Nancy Dykershouse, 35 have signed up. There were 50 who attended last year. Another mailing for the Break-Fest is to go out with the Book Scholarship Fund letter. Bruce Height volunteered to introduce Dr. Schlack at the Break-fest. Bruce suggested we invite and introduce the Medallion Scholoars at the Break-Fest. Larry Schlack volunteered to invite and host them.
7. Retirement Dinner - it was suggested that we use the opportunity at the Retirement Dinner to welcome the retirees and educate them about the Emeriti Council. Development of a welcome letter to new emeriti, to hand out at the retirement dinner, will be on the September meeting’s agenda.

8. Funds Report by Andy Brogowicz. Our 2 funds are the Book Scholarship and the Medallion Scholarship. We have $9,226 for book scholarships so far this year. We fund 3 Medallion scholarships. Most of the donations for the Medallion scholarships are from estates. Andy is developing a Declaration of Intent, for the Book Scholarship, which will be on the agenda for our September meeting. Our Medallion Scholarship fund is just over $1.2 million, and we would need to raise $250,000 to be able to fund an additional Medallion scholarship. The fundraising committee consists of Andy Brogowicz, Emily Hoffman, and John Houdek.

8. Wednesday II – John Houdek, Bruce Haight, Pat Lemanski, and Hal Ray. We need to add another member for Wednesday II. We need an amplification system. We may need a new location because of construction on east campus.
   a) September 10, Timothy Light, “Communities in Schools in Kalamazoo”
   b) Oct. 8 Helenann Robbin
   c) Nov. 11 Bruce Haight
   d) Wine Tasting Dec. 10
   e) Regarding the Wine Tasting, we discussed whether to meet at Walden Woods or the Ladies Library. Bruce and his committee will compare the assets and liabilities of the two settings. Sandra has tentatively scheduled the Ladies Library, but the committee will explore the options.

9. Medallion Scholars – Larry Schlack – Sandra has prompted The Development Office to send out an additional Medallion Scholarship fund raising letter between late November and early December. Sandra, Andy and Jennifer Callahan of the Development Office have upgraded the letter and insert for requests for funds.

10. Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner. No report.


12. Faculty Senate – Andy has brought to our attention we need a representative to the Senate by February. It will be on the September 9 agenda.

13. Other committee reports, updates, new business. None.

14. Adjournment: The next meeting will be September 9. The site of the meeting is being explored by David Peterson due to construction around Walwood. Co-chair, Sandra Edwards Sandra.edwards@wmich.edu
    Adjourned at 3:10.
1. There were no additions to the agenda

2. Attending were Andy Brogowicz, Sandra Edwards, John Geisler, Bruce Height, Emily Hoffman, Pat Lemanski, Garrard Macleod, David Peterson, Hal Ray, and Larry Schlack. Not present were John Houdek and Joyce Zastrow. Visiting was Jennifer Callahan from the development office.

3. The minutes of July 8 were approved.

4. Treasurer’s Report - Larry Schlack. We have $1,987.34 in our account as of 9/5/14. Nancy Dysterhouse is researching some $412.60 missing from the July 1, 2014 balance of $2,399.94. $2,500 will be added to the 2014-15 budget as a result of Sandra, Andy and David meeting with Dr. Dunn who agreed to reinstate the university support of the Emeriti Council.

5. Proposed budget - A proposed budget by Sandra Edwards, Andy Brogowitz and David Peterson had been introduced to the council prior to the meeting and for discussion at the meeting. The budget of $4,770.00 was unanimously approved by the council to support the financial needs of the Emeriti. A proposed budget for 2015-16 was also submitted to the council to be discussed at the November meeting.

6. Jennifer Callahan from the Office of Development gave the results of the Emeriti Newsletter Survey. The questions were developed by survey committee, Andy Brogowicz, David Peterson, Gerrard MacLeod, Sandra Edwards and representatives from the Development office. The results of phone survey indicated 60% of those (included about 100 Emeriti) surveyed were willing to receive an electronic version of the newsletter. The report included other useful information for expanding the newsletter.

7. Medallion Scholars – Larry Schlack A donation request will go out from Development Office for Medallion Scholars at the end of the year.

8. Funds Report - Andy Brogowicz Andy reported the council took in $805 for the Medallion Scholarship. He also summarized the account for the Emeriti Book Scholarship. Andy had prepared and presented a Declaration of Intent for the Emeriti Council’s Book Scholarship. The council is to review the proposal for discussion at the November meeting. We did vote to give 23 book scholarships at $400 each for this year.

9. Newsletter update - Larry Schlack said the next newsletter would come out in late October.

10. Break-Fest Report- Bruce Haight, Larry Schlack and Sandra Edwards reported that it went very well. Dr. Marilyn Schlack was acknowledged for giving an excellent presentation. We basically broke even. A suggestion was made for a speaker for 2015 Break-fest be selected from someone representing the new Law school.

11. Wed II – Bruce Haight, Pat Lemanski, Hal Ray, Sandra Edwards and John Geisler represent this committee. The programs for this fall:
a. September 10, Timothy Light will speak on Communities in Schools in Kalamazoo.
b. October 8, Helen Robin “Five Periods in Egyptian History: A Slide Presentation”
c. November 12 Woodcarving of Lamidi Fakeye by Dr. Bruce Haight
d. December 10 Holiday Party Ladies Library 5-7 p.m.
e. Presentations for January and March need to be arranged.
f. Stanley Robin Wed II is scheduled for May, 2015.

12. Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner. Gerard reported it would be held on Thursday, May 21, at 5 pm rather than the usual 5:30 start time.

13. Webmaster- David Peterson reminded us to look at our web site.

14. Faculty Senate. Selection of representatives by the Emeriti Council by February, Andy Brogowicz reported that there are no volunteers yet.

15 Other committee reports, updates, new business
   b. The council discussed possible space in the new Alumni Center.

16 Next meeting: November 11 at Zhang Legacy Collection Center, Guest will be Shirley Swanson, Chair Advisory Board of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

17. Adjournment: at 3:40 pm.

Submitted by Emily Hoffman, Secretary, with editing by Sandra Edwards
WMU Emeriti Council Minutes  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014  
Zhang Legacy Collection Center

Attending were Sandra Edwards, Emily Hoffman, Pat Lemanski, Garrard Macleod, David Peterson, Hal Ray, Larry Schlack, and a visitor Shirley Swanson. Not present were Andy Brogowicz, John Geisler, Bruce Haight, John Houdek and Joyce Zastrow.

1. We began at 2:00pm. There were no additions to the agenda.

2. The minutes of September 9, 2014 were approved.

3. Our visitor Shirley Swanson, Chair of the Advisory Board of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) spoke. WMU’s OLLI received short term operating grant of $100,000. At the present time OLLI has over 500 members. OLLI wants to increase membership and course offerings. There are 41 courses this coming semester. Members have formed special interest groups (SIG’s), that are free for members. (Tours of campus buildings for example). Volunteer course instructors are not paid but receive an OLLI membership. Limited classroom space well as on campus parking fees encourages the use of off campus facilities for courses. Without state funding OLLI uses volunteers and hires student interns to minimize the operating budget and be self-supporting. Extended University Programs (EUP) contributes to OLLI by providing a coordinator, Joyce Dekau. Classes are either on campus or in the community facilities. OLLI is intended for the age 50+ community. Mr. Bernard Osher funded research on aging and became interested in learning during his retirement. There are 118 Oshers around the country. The Center is at Northwestern.

4. Treasurer’s report by Larry Schlack. Larry will find out how many received book scholarships, and how much they received.

5. The Medallion scholar luncheon was organized by Larry Schlack and held November 6.

6. There was discussion of the Holiday wine tasting projected budget.

7. A folding party for the newsletter was organized by Larry Schlack and held on November 7.
8. Bruce Height is resigning as the chair of Wednesday II after this year. We are very grateful that he has done an excellent job.

9. We are still seeking nominees for Faculty Senate appointments.

10. Farewell to Co-chair Sandra Edwards and Welcome to Co-chair David Peterson. We are very grateful to Sandra for doing an excellent job as co-chair for the first half of this year.

11. Next Meeting January 13, 2015 at 2:00 pm at the Zhang Legacy Collection Center

12. Adjournment at 3:20 pm.

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Edited by David Peterson

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