

## **2017-18 WMU EMERITI COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 2:00 pm

Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 211 West Walwood Hall

Present: Peter Krawutschke, Chair and Faculty Senate Representative; Judith Halseth, Nominating Committee co-chair; Garrard Macleod and Darryl Salisbury, Newsletter co-chairs; Don Nelson, Treasurer and Webmaster; Jim Bosco, Vice Chair; and Gary Lawson, Program chair.

Absent: John Geisler, Donna Oas, Barb Rider, Phil Vander Weg, and Joyce Zastrow

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome.**
- 2. Agenda was approved unanimously.**
- 3. Approval of November 14, 2017 minutes**
- 4. Announcements:** Peter announced that the 25 Year Club met. He announced that the MC announced the presence of the Emeriti Council Chair by name when she presented the officers of the University present. He suggested that the Emeriti Council should be listed in the WMU Campus Directory. The letter from the Foundation included an error in listing the names of Emeriti Medallion Scholars.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Don reported the President's office hasn't deposited \$3,000 to the Emeriti account. Don will follow up with Stacy Thinnies. Wine Tasting brought in \$585 and cost us an additional \$517. We allocated \$10,000 for Book Scholarships, and \$8,000 was awarded.
- 6. Wednesday II, 10 January, 2018.** "Food in China," Ann Veeck. Judith sent an announcement to about 80 emeriti. Development didn't send an announcement, but the Haenicke Institute did send a campus-wide announcement. February 14, "Hearing Loss, Aging and Hearing Aids," Gary Lawson. Someone needs to contact speakers to confirm. Jim Bosco noted he worked for years to "get an audience" on campus. Copies of the schedule of future Wednesday IIs should be available at Wednesday II. Gary announced future Wednesday II programs:
  - a. Nov. 14, 2018, "Consequences of Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region," David Karowe, Biological Sciences.
  - b. Jan. 9, 2019, on their new book on Theodore Roosevelt, Tom Bailey, Emeritus English & Environmental Studies, and Kathryn Joslin, English.
  - c. Feb. 13, 2019 "Swing Into Fall Prevention," Carla Chase, Occupational Therapy.
  - d. Mar. 13, 2019 "Resources for Long Term Care Decisions," Janet Hahn, Coordinator, Center for Gerontology.
  - e. April 10, 2019 "Research on Asylum Life Before Thorazine," Ann Chapleau, Occupational Therapy, and

Steve Love, Clinical Services Director, Kalamazoo  
Psychiatric Hospital.

7. **Nominating Committee:** In the absence of co-chair Phil Vander Weg, Judith led the group in considering 20 names suggested for three new nominees. Three names, and several backup names were chosen, and some members will begin making contact. Four current members who are finishing a two-year term agreed to run for a second two-year term: Judith Halseth, Peter Krawutschke, Don Nelson, and Darryl Salisbury. Three members have completed four years and will leave the Council because of term limits: John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, and Joyce Zastrow.
8. **Emeriti Newsletter:** Edited by Darryl and Garrard. On time and looks great! Efficiently assembled for mailing by Stacy Thinnes—no folding party needed. Suggestion: number the pages and staple.
9. **Emeriti Wine Tasting and Holiday Gathering:** About 40 attended, including the Lee Honors College dean, Gary Bischof; President Montgomery and First Lady Kari Montgomery, and Emeriti Medallion Scholar Sruthi Rameshkumar, Peter wrote the President and Kari, thanking them for participating, and he received a thoughtful response. We thank Shannon Landis and her Fetzer Center staff for the festive decorations and excellent food service. And thanks to Sandra Edwards and Judith Halseth for providing piano music to set the tone.
10. **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute:** Registration is underway for members. The “January Thaw” will be held on Wed. Jan. 17, 2-4 p.m. at the KIA.
11. **Faculty Senate update:** Peter submitted Phil’s written report of the Faculty Senate meeting of December 7, 2017.
12. **2018 Faculty Retirement Recognition Dinner:** Judith and Darryl expect to be involved after Sue Davenport and the Faculty Senate office confer with the President’s office about potential changes. We need to support new retirees, so dinner and ceremony continue.
13. **Miscellaneous items:**
  - a. Discussed recent articles in the Kalamazoo Gazette, regarding enrollment numbers, etc.
  - b. Peter provided copies of the obituary of Laurel Grotzinger, who died Dec. 15, 2017, after almost 51 years of service.
  - c. Discussed developing a policy for the Emeriti Council regarding a member who misses more than three meetings.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judith Halseth, interim secretary.

**Next meet: March 13, 2018, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2 pm**

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Present: Peter Krawutschke, Chair and Faculty Senate Representative; Judy Halseth; Darryl Salisbury, Newsletter co-chair; Don Nelson, Treasurer and Webmaster; Gary Lawson, Wednesday II chair; Barb Rider; Phil VanderWeg, Nominating Committee chair; and Donna Oas, Secretary.

Absent: John Geisler, Garrard Macleod, Jim Bosco, and Joyce Zastrow

**1. Welcome:** Peter called the meeting to order and gave us a brief report of his background.

**2. Agenda** was approved unanimously

**3. Approval of January 9, 2018 Minutes:** with thanks to Judith Halseth.

**4. Announcements:** Peter suggested that we keep our mailing list up to date. Lois Stegman had called with a change of address.

**5. Treasurer's report:** Don provided a print version indicating an ending account balance of \$5,713.46 and a net change in account of \$1,352.40. The President's office has given us the \$3,000 discussed at last meeting.

**6. Fundraising and Scholarships:** Don also reported Book Scholarship data indicating a decline in contributions October, 2017. The Development office sends out the appeal letters by email and many of those ended in junk mail. Don will write an article for our Newsletter appealing for donations to the Book Scholarship fund and will talk with the Development office.

**7. Book Scholarship Vote:** Peter reported his email vote to Council members resulted in saving that money for fall of 2018 since the only applicants were part-time students and the fund is intended to go to full-time students. A vote to retain the requirement for full-time students to remain passed by 6 to 2. Don questioned the criteria for book awards and will contact the Development office for clarification. Judy noted that with tax law change, people may not be so generous in contributing.

**8. Emeriti Council Election:** Phil and Judith reported that Louise Forsleff, Leonard Ginsberg, and Peter Kobrak will join Peter Krawutschke, Judith Halseth, Don Nelson, and Darryl Salisbury on the Emeriti Council. Peter will contact and invite the newcomers to our May 8 meeting.

**9. Emeriti Representative to Serve on Faculty Senate:** Peter was unanimously selected for 2018-2021.

**10. Faculty Senate Review:** Phil reported on the March 2018 Faculty Senate meeting. Redundancy of topics from former meetings seems to be a problem. President Montgomery reported the lion's share of funds are awarded to U of M, MSU, and GVSU. Criteria ranking seems to be graduation rate within 6 years. Montgomery tried to put

a positive spin on financing. WMU is in good standing with sexual harassment procedures. WMU will not hold high school students negatively for participating in demonstrations. Public Safety has videos available for showing what to do in case of an active shooter. Peter noted that we should be proud to have 3 representatives.

**11. 2018 Faculty Senate Retirement Dinner:** Judith and Darryl reported the date, Monday, May 21. Identifying a master of ceremonies and a welcomer was discussed. Judy will contact individuals.

**12. Wednesday II 14 March and 8 May 2019:** Gary reported that Bob Ricci, Emeritus from music, will present the Wednesday II on May 8, 2019. Kevin West, chair of concerts, has scheduled us for Dalton Recital Hall. Students will set up chairs on stage at no charge to us. We will have the Dalton from 1-4 that day. Bob gave us the choice of George Gershwin's, Bob's own, or movies from 1938 on. The Council voted for George Gershwin. Gary will contact Bob with our decision. We need to discuss increasing attendance.

**13. Review of Emeriti Newsletter:** Darryl would like to have submissions by May 8 for distribution by end of May. Newsletter should have a listing of meetings for Wednesday II, and a report of presentations should be included. Peter will report the Wine tasting, Judy will report about OLLI, Darryl will ask Sandra to write about the University of Florida Sandra Edwards Colloquium, and Garrard will continue the remembrance section. Pages should be numbered.

**14. 2018 Emeriti Break Fest:** Peter and Gary have secured Fetzer Center for Wednesday morning, August 8. We discussed who should present the program. Peter will make contacts.

**15. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute:** Judith reported the Summer catalogs are ready for printing, and registration opens May 8. Barb reported that submissions for fall 2018 are due April 1.

**16. New Business:** none

**17. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:45

Respectfully submitted: Donna Oas, Secretary

## 2017-18 WMU EMERITI COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 2:00 pm

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Present: Peter Kawutschke, Chair and Faculty Senate Representative; Judy Halseth; Darryl Salisbury, Newsletter co-chair; Don Nelson, Treasurer and Webmaster; Gary Lawson, Wednesday II chair; Barb Rider; Phil Vander Weg, Nominating Committee chair; John Geisler, Jim Bosco, Peter Kobrak, Louise Forsleff; and Donna Oas, Secretary.

Absent: Garrard Macleod, and Joyce Zastrow

### PART A: Concluding Meeting of the 2017-2018 Emeriti Council

- 1. Welcome:** Peter Krawutschke called the meeting to order.
- 2. Agenda** was approved unanimously.
- 3. Approval of March 13, 2018 Minutes:** with thanks to Donna Oas.
- 4. Announcements:** Peter Krawutschke stated that he has reserved the Heinig Emeriti Lounge for all our meetings.
- 5. Treasurer's report:** Don said there is no change from last meeting.
- 6. Fundraising and Scholarships:** Don reported book scholarships are awarded based on GPA (to determine that they are eligible to continue to matriculate) and need.
- 7. Election results Phil and Judy:** Phil wrote article for the Newsletter about book scholarships.
- 8. Report of Faculty Senate meeting:** Peter Krawutschke announced that he thought it a discourtesy to keep WMU open when all other schools are closed because of weather. Students are kept happy by closing because happy students stay enrolled. WMU loses \$11,867 for every student who does not return. (Statistic from Gazette).
- 9. Medallion Scholars:** Peter Krawutschke and Larry Schlack could not find a time for luncheon, but will try in the future.
- 10. Retirement dinner:** John Dunn turned us down as retiree speaker. Jane Baas initially turned us down but Jim had lunch with her today and she sound somewhat willing. Donna will contact her. Ruth Heinig will welcome the new retirees.
- 11. Wednesday II:** Gary reported Helenan Robin will present "Rome Wasn't Built in a Day" at tomorrow's meeting. Emeriti Council members should always try to attend.
- 12. Emeriti Newsletter:** Darryl reported the draft is now almost ready and will complete it as soon as he has material on Wednesday II programs and anything else we need to include. Peter K gave Darryl obituary information on Steve Jones. Emeriti Council is responsible for preparing Newsletter for mailing, but last time it occurred without us.

**13. 2018 Emeriti Break Fest:** Peter Krawutschke and Gary will complete arrangements for the August 9 meeting at Fetzer Center at 8:30 am when Stacy returns from a break. We do not know the title of President Montgomery's presentation. Emeriti council should mingle with other people to make them feel welcome.

**14. Osher Life Long Learning Institute:** Judy reported the summer catalog is available. Ruth Heinig on the Emeriti Council was the primary instigator of the formation of OLLI along with help of D Terry Williams, Ron Crowell, and Bob Beam.

**15. Commencement April 28, 2018:** Peter Krawutschke and Jim represented the Emeriti Council as part of the Platform party as the president's idea. This is the first time Emeriti Council has received this attention.

**16. New Business:** Chair of Emeriti Council and WARF representative should be announced at the Retirement Recognition dinner.

**17. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm

#### PART B: Initial Meeting of the 2018-2019 Emeriti Council

**1. Welcome New members:** Peter Krawutschke welcomed Louise Forsleff, Leonard Ginsberg, and Peter Kobrak.

**2. Election of Officers for 2018-2019**

A. Chair: Jim Bosco

B. Vice Chair: Leonard Gingsberg

C. Treasurer: Don will continue

D. Secretary: Donna will continue

E. Newsletter Editor: Darryl will continue

F. Program Chair: Gary Lawson

G. Fundraising Committee Chair: Don Nelson

H. Nominating Committee: Judy Halseth and Phil Vander Weg

I. Retirement Recognition Chair: Judy Halseth

J. Webmaster: Don Nelson

**3. New Business:** Next year book scholarships will include part-time students. Jim will chair next meeting and Leonard will chair meeting in July when Jim is in California. Barb will bring cookies tomorrow. Peter will make coffee in May.

**3. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 3:10

Respectfully submitted by Donna Oas

Action items highlighted in yellow

## 2018-19 WMU EMERITI COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:00 pm

Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 211 West Walwood Hall

Present: Len Ginsberg, acting chair; Peter Krawutschke, Faculty Senate Representative; Judy Halseth, OLLI Representative; Darryl Salisbury, Newsletter chair; Don Nelson, Treasurer and Webmaster; Gary Lawson, Wednesday II chair; Barb Rider; Phil Vander Weg, Nominating Committee chair, Louise Forsleff; and Donna Oas, Secretary.

Absent: Jim Bosco, and Peter Kobrak

**1. Approval of May 8, 2018 Minutes** was accomplished.

**2. Agenda** was approved unanimously.

**3. Treasurer's report:** Don has not received new reports for about a month. 30 people have registered for BreakFest 2018.

**4. Announcements:** Len went to the summer graduation and received comments like, "I didn't know there is an Emeriti Council". Students are doing a lot more dancing. It was a nice ceremony with more PhD candidates than ever.

**5. Fundraising report:** Don said that we won't know the success of the Book Scholarship appeal until yearend reports from the Development Office are received. Our fall newsletter should include an appeal for the Medallion Scholarship.

**6. Wednesday II presentations:** Gary presented a written list of topics through December 11, 2019 as follows:

September 12 – Life's Path, Stan Robin

October 10 - Sociological History of Baseball, Ron Kramer

November 14 – Consequences of Climate Change, David Karowe

December 12 – Wine tasting and Holiday Gathering

January 9 – Theodore Roosevelt, Tom Bailey and Katherine Joslin

February 13 – Swing into Fall Prevention, Carla Chase

March 13 – Resources for Long Term Care Decisions, Janet Hahn

April 10 – Psychiatric Asylum Life before Thorazine, Ann Chapleau and Steve Love

May 8 – Piano Selections of George Gershwin, Bob Ricci

August 14 – BreakFest

**7. Report on Retirement Dinner:** Judy reported that it was a great success as all of the speakers were very good. Ruth gave the history of the trolley. Garrard was MC and Judy will ask him to introduce the speaker at BreakFest 2018.

**8. Report of Faculty Senate meeting:** Peter Krawutschke attended the May 1 meeting. Rick Gershon is the new president. "Essential Studies" has replaced "General Studies".



WARF reported that one person was charged \$100 as a room charge for a doctor's office visit in addition to a \$30 charge. We should watch for this. The new shingles vaccine will be available in a few months at Sindecuse.

**9. BreakFest 2018 and status of the Website:** Phil reported we have been charged \$1,036 based on 65 attendees. Registration was sent with the Newsletter. The Newsletter has been mailed and posted on our web site. Stacy Thinnes found student help to prepare the mailing.

**11. Osher Life Long Learning Institute:** Judy reported that an ice cream social will be held August 1 from 2-4 p.m. Donna reported an informal gathering at Bell's Eccentric Café today at 4:30 p.m. The fall catalog will be available soon. Need more instructors and courses by September 1 for Spring 2019.

**12. Other New Business:** Dasha Nisula gave Peter a list of five suggestions to EC as follows:

Get your ears flushed out at Westside Immediate Care on W Main if you have difficulty hearing.

Call Nancy Springgate at 384-0219 to review your retirement package.

Make free copies at Waldo as retired faculty members.

Obtain advice on local living or relocating by contacting WARF.

Remember that those who retired in the past decade best understand current information about WMU.

**13. For next time September 11 at 2:00 p.m. :** Add to agenda a discussion about how to increase attendance at Wednesday II.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 11 at 2:00 p.m. in Heinig Emeriti Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Oas

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Absent: Len Ginsberg, and Barb Rider

Before the meeting started, Dr. Jing Shen of the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences presented information about her research for which she is recruiting subjects between the ages of 65-85. She is anticipating funding from NIH. She needs 50 subjects each year of the study. She is asking how age-related hearing loss affects speech perception with an emphasis of pitch cues on auditory perception. We can help by explaining the project to others and considering volunteering ourselves. Time commitment is 1-2 hours for two sessions. She can be contacted at [jing.shen@wmich.edu](mailto:jing.shen@wmich.edu) or at 387-8067.

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.

1. **Agenda** was approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of May 8, 2018 Minutes** was accomplished.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Don provided a hard copy of Nov. 13 status. Expenses were \$3,793.00 and ending account balance was \$2,905.00. The Medallion Scholarship fund had a balance of \$1,220,727.35, and the Book Scholarship fund has a balance of \$8,543.00.
4. **Announcements:** Erin Edward VP for the Foundation will update the plaque. Stacy Thinnies will attend this meeting to discuss Newsletter issues.
5. **Fall Newsletter:** Darryl reported 7 pages are ready to print. Would be better to have 8 since the last page is blank. The mailing would have to be delayed, so we decided to accept the blank page. Darryl will check the flyer for the Holiday Gathering to make sure all information is correct. In future issues, Peter Kobrak will include campus activities as listed in Encore. The next issue should include information about our Medallion Scholars.
6. **October Wed. II:** We had good participation.
7. **November Wed. II:** Gary reported that we are all set. New directories should be available at Publications. Call to pick up a box. January program is about President Theodore Roosevelt presented by Tom Bailey and Katherine Joslyn.

- 8. Nominating Committee:** Judy reported that Gary, Donna, Phil, and Barb had volunteered to run again. Several names have been suggested to fill out the slate. We will determine that at our January meeting.
- 9. Holiday Gathering:** Cost is the same and can be paid at the door. We should invite the President, Provost, and Dean of the Honors College and spouses. Sandra and Judy will provide the music. Don will send flyer to University who has emeriti email list for reservations. Don needs a PDF of flyer and will send it to W News. Jim will check with Fetzer to be sure there are enough tables. Fetzer does the decorations.
- 10. Discussion of Emeriti Council's Mission:** Compilation of individual ideas was presented, but Louise and Judy's suggestions were omitted. Stating our mission provides an opportunity to conceptualize what we're about and why we are here. We need to coordinate with the University's Mission Statement. Moved to table discussion until January meeting.
- 11. Presentation from Tiana Gee and Stacy Thinnies:** They were waiting in the hall to be summoned, so Tiana just left some information from Development and Alumni Relations. Stacy presented written information about cost of our activities and strongly urged future Newsletters be sent only electronically. She also presented President Montgomery's Transformational Priorities: Retention, Revenue, and Reputation. These could be coordinated with our Mission Statement. She also included her interpretation of our function and organization. We should invite President Montgomery to a Council meeting. Dr. Taylor Schuman would be a valuable resource about the history of the Emeriti Council's role at WMU. A motion was made and unanimously accepted that we proceed with developing our Mission Statement.
- 12. New Business:** Tom Coyne expressed concern to Peter Kobrak about a number of older emeriti who do not use electronic version of notices. Peter will work with Tom, and they will meet with Paula Davis.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Donna Oas, Secretary