

Minutes of the WMU Emeriti Council Meeting of November 9, 2021

Joeseeph Buckley, Chair called the meeting to order.

Members in attendance were: Barbara Hemphill, Peter Kobrak, Mary Lagerwey, Gary Lawson, Darryl Salisbury and Phil Caruso.

Guests: Toni Woolfork-Barnes , Director of WMU Osher Lifelong Learning .

Comments by Toni Woolfork-Barnes: Woolfork-Barnes wanted to make connection with the Council to report on what the WMU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute was doing and to seek any help the Council could offer OLLI. Because of the unusual events of the last year or so, the participation in OLLI events at WMU has decreased from about 800 to about 300. The Osher grant requires a minimum of 500, but the grantors have chosen to remain flexible during the pandemic recognizing the difficulty of getting active participants to register for the programs. Meetings of the WMU Osher Committee have been online since April 2020. The WMU Osher office has been relocated to where the Big Lot was. The Committee meets four times a year. John Geisler was the Council's representative to the Committee and will no longer be a member. The duty of the representative is to bring back information to the Council. Barbara Hemphill agreed to be the representative for the Council. Woolfork -Barnes asked whether a reception for retirees to help promote the Council would be useful and whether the Council could help recruit members for OLLI. There was also discussion about setting new rates for OLLI membership, new fund raising events and adding benefits for membership to encourage memberships.

Minutes of October 12, 2021: Caruso had sent out by email a draft of the October 12 minutes. Lousie Forsleff had suggested one correction. The membership of the Committee for Spring Fling should have specified that the Committee is composed of Peter Kobrak, Chair and Barbara Rider and Louise Forsleff. Discussion clarified that what we have asked Megan Way of the Provost Office to help the Council with is to provide an online directory of Emeriti and that she is making progress on that task. The minutes was approved with those corrections.

Representative to Faculty Senate: Mary Lagerwey agreed to be the new representative to the Faculty Senate for the Council.

Wednesday II Programs: Lawson reminded the members that there as usual will be no Wednesday II programs in December , July and August. Future programs in 22022 if pandemic allows will be Barbara Rider, Linda and Bill Harrison and possibly Stan Robin.

University Email System: there were comments about the difficulty of utilizing the WMU email system. The system now requires an access code and some of the members who use that system were having difficulties.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 11 at 2:00.

Submitted by Phil Caruso