Present: Andy Brogowicz, Chair; Peter Krawutschke, Vice Chair; Larry Schlack, Treasurer; Jim Bosco, John Geisler, Judith Halseth, Garrard MacLeod, Don Nelson, Darryl Salisbury, and Nancy Schullery, Secretary.

Absent: Sandra Edwards and Joyce Zastrow.

1. Approval of Agenda: Motion for approval made by John Geisler, seconded by Jim Bosco. Approved.


3. Announcements – Andy Brogowicz
   The long-missing plaque listing donors to the Emeriti Endowed Medallion Scholarship Fund has been found. The plaque has room for six more $5,000+ donors and 30 slots available for $500+ donors. Andy will arrange for the donor plaque to be hung in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge, and suggested that a plaque listing all Emeriti Medallion Scholars be created also.

4. Treasurer’s Report –
   Larry Schlack distributed the report; Andy added to it with updates from Holiday Gathering. We have a balance of $1,335.51 after paying expenses from the December gathering. Other costs include expenditures for newsletter printing and postage and newsletter “USPS sorting labor,” a first time cost incurred with mailing.

5. Fundraising & Scholarships – Andy Brogowicz.
   a) Emeriti Council Book Scholarships
      The current balance of $16,016 does not reflect a pending deduction of $10,000 for the twenty-five $400 scholarships awarded for the Spring 2017 semester. Contributions to the fund from July 1 to December 31, 2016 totaled $5,130, which is 45% less than the previous year and the lowest gift total for that period since the fund was created in 2004-05, with the exception of fall 2011 when no fundraising letter was sent out. The reduced gift receipts result in a net balance of only $6,000, which limits the number of scholarships we can award in 2017-18. Andy has reminded the Development Office of his previously-expressed concern over its decision to replace our annual fundraising letters with gift anniversary reminder letters and recommended that we resume mailing out fundraising letters each fall.

      We received two thank you notes from recipients; Andy will include these in our fund-raising appeal in the spring newsletter.

   b) Emeriti Council Medallion Scholarships as of Nov. 30, 2016.
      New gifts received since July 1, 2016 totaled $200. Andy noted that the current fund balance of $1,112, 834.44 reflects an amount to be taken out ($27,500) sometime soon for our two current Emeriti Medallion Scholars. Andy was recently informed that one of our scholars is no longer in the program.
6. **Medallion Scholars** – Larry Schlack

   After some discussion, the Council recommended that the Medallion Scholars be invited to a spring luncheon at the Park Club.

7. **Emeriti Newsletter** – Larry Schlack

   a) Feedback on Fall newsletter – Council commended Larry on a job well done.
   b) Plans for spring newsletter – Larry Schlack asked for an understudy from the Council to work with him on writing and editing the spring edition scheduled for April 2017, which will include the council election results. Nancy Dyksterhouse’s retirement is expected in March; no replacement for her has yet been identified as the person who will format and print our newsletter, as well as keep track of our expenses and budget.
   c) Advertising sponsors: The Fountains at Bronson Place has asked about advertising within our newsletter; others may also be interested. Peter Krawutschke & Garrard McLeod will investigate typical advertising charges and related issues.

8. **2017 Wednesday IIs:**

   Apr 12 – Dean McCurdy, Assoc. VP for Instruction. “The New Culinary Program at KVCC.” A change of plan: We will not be gathering for lunch and will meet in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge as usual, due to parking and logistical challenges at the KVCC Culinary & Allied Health Building. *Larry Schlack will obtain a brief description of Dr. McCurdy’s talk for our promotional flyers.*
   May 10 – Stan Robin, “Mosaic” (Monologues), Heinig Emeriti Lounge

9. **Feedback on Dec. 7 Wine Tasting & Holiday Gathering**

   The Council members appreciated everyone’s efforts and enjoyed the holiday party. Comments included “Nicely done!” The amount of food was about right, as the food was mostly gone at end of evening. Attendees consumed wine, coffee and one can of soft drink. Everybody enjoyed the piano playing, and the decorations were very nice. The Council thanked the piano players (Judith Halseth, Sandra Edwards and Garrett Gagnon), along with Sandra Edwards and her students for the festive decorations.

   Attendance increased from 38 last year to 54, including 3 guests. Registration revenue totaled $765 (51 reservations @ $15). However, because we cannot include wine in our registration fee, and also because of Fetzer’s 20% service charge, we lost $591.62 on the event, which cost a total of $1,356.62. Given the uncertainty of continued financial support from the Office of the President, the Council discussed possible ways to cover event costs in the future. The consensus was to avoid raising the registration fee again, and it was agreed that switching to a cash bar to eliminate wine costs would have too negative of an effect on attendance. One option in the future may be to seek paid event sponsors.

   University directories were distributed at the holiday gathering; we still have 2-½ boxes of directories left to distribute to emeriti at our meetings.

10. **2017-18 Break-Fest and Wednesday IIs**
a) Projector issues – We have no projector to use in the Emeriti Lounge. IT does not have a projector to loan us. The Graduate College has not responded to requests about a possible loan. Surplus Sales has no projectors available with HDMI ports; IT recommended an Epson model that costs about $600; a spare bulb and carrying case would also be needed.

b) Tentative schedule for Wed. II’s in 2017-18:
   Aug. 9 Break-Fest - The Council will continue to search for a speaker for this event.
   Sept. 13 - Jim Bosco, “Schools vs. the World: Handicapping the Odds”
   Oct. 11 – Sandra Edwards and Nancy Hock, “Get a Grip on Grasp”
   Nov. 8 – Julie Garrison, Dean of Libraries, Jim Bosco will obtain a topic and description.
   Dec. 6 or 13 – Holiday Gathering (subject to available funds)

11. Council Nominations and Faculty Recognition Retirement Dinner – Judith Halseth

Several council nominees were suggested; Judy, Peter, and Andy will contact them about their willingness to serve. Nancy will contact an additional person if needed.

Faculty Recognition Retirement Dinner is scheduled for May 25. Sue Davenport provides a script and wants speakers to stay on script due to time considerations. Stan Roby volunteered to be Emcee; Jim Bosco will confirm with Stan. Garrard MacLeod will give the Welcome to new emeriti. Andy will invite Joe Reisch to be the Responder.

12. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Updates – Judith Halseth

Catalogs have been sent out; registration for the classes began Jan. 4 for members.

13. Faculty Senate Updates – Andy Brogowicz and Peter Krawutschke. Next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 12.

14. New Business

Hardy Figueroa, Director of Alumni Relations, spoke to the Council about an “engagement opportunity” for emeriti to take trips together, which he believes helps to build camaraderie and school spirit. The trips are organized by a WMU Alumni partner organization, Thomas Gohagan & Company in Chicago. Trips to several places around the world are offered. Costs range from $3-10K per person, plus airfare. If we want to travel as a group, Hardy can show us what is available; trips are usually planned 9 months in advance. Each trip pays a commission, which could be paid to Emeriti Council if we are partnering. The trip in 2017 will be “The Great Journey through Europe” touring the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland. Let him know if we’re interested.

15. Around the Table: Council members agreed to arrive early for Wed. II the next day and help arrange tables and chairs for presentation.

16. Motion to adjourn made by Peter Krawutschke; seconded by Darryl Salisbury. Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Next meeting: March 14, 2017, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2:00 pm

Minutes drafted by Nancy Schullery; edited by Andy Brogowicz
WMU EMERITI COUNCIL Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 2 p.m.  
Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 211 West Walwood Hall

Present:  Andy Brogowicz, Chair; Peter Krawutschke, Vice Chair; Larry Schlack, John Geisler, Judy Halseth, Don Nelson, Jim Bosco, Garrard MacLeod, Nancy Schullery, Secretary.

Excused:  Sandra Edwards, Darryl Salisbury, Joyce Zastrow.

1. **Approval of Agenda**: Moved by Larry; seconded by John Geisler.

2. **Approval of January 10, 2017 minutes** as amended: Moved by Larry; seconded by Peter.

3. **Announcements** – Andy Brogowicz
   - We now have a projector. Note: slider must be moved on lens cover to operate. Don Nelson will provide secure home for us to safeguard the projector, as it is university property and we were told not to store it in the Emeriti Lounge.
   - We are invited to join Western Association of Retired Faculty (WARF) on Thursday, March 16 when meeting with collective bargaining chief negotiator, Cynthia Klekar-Cunningham. Peter, Andy, and Nancy plan to attend. The Emeriti Council and WARF will work together on relevant issues, such as this summer’s contract negotiations.
   - Andy has had a plaque recognizing Medallion Scholars made for the Emeriti Lounge. He will submit work order to have it hung.

4. **Treasurer’s Report** – Larry Schlack
   With support from President Dunn’s office for 2016-17, we have $ 5,962.13 in revenues, while our expenditures amounted to $1,534.07 for a balance of $4,428.06.

5. **Fundraising & Scholarships** – Andy Brogowicz
   a) Emeriti Council Book Scholarships
   We have received two additional thank you notes from Book Scholarship recipients. Andy suggested one would be especially meaningful to include in the Fall newsletter.

   Gifts to the scholarship fund are down significantly (almost 45%), which will impact our ability to continue to provide scholarships to many needy recipients. In 2016-17, we approved twenty-five $400 book scholarships, a total of $10,000. Recipients are selected based on both academic merit and financial need. Students are very appreciative of the help. However, instead of the $10,000 award decision, according to the Development Office our actual awards between July 1, 2016-Feb. 28, 2017 totaled only $8,600. Andy has a call in to the Development Office to clarify this discrepancy and the resulting balance in our book scholarship fund.

   The Council discussed concern that book scholarships donations were down 45% in fall 2016. The Council did not send out a fundraising letter in Fall 2016, based on the Development Office's decision to instead send out an anniversary gift reminder letters; Andy has not received his letter despite his family’s contributions. The Development Office did send out letters to new emeriti. They also sent out letters to those who did NOT give to
the book scholarship fund in 2015-16. There were 83 people who donated in 2015-16; they
should all have received a letter reminding them to donate to the book scholarship fund in
2016-17. A fund-raising form will be included in the spring newsletter. Incoming Council
may want to consider sending a letter in coming year if the Development Office agrees.

b) Emeriti Medallion Scholarships –
The Council discussed the possibility of postponing the scholarship we would typically
award for 2017-18 until 2018-19 to help LHC better distribute its limited funds.
Peter K. moved to postpone awarding an Emeriti Medallion Scholarship until 2018-19.
Nancy S. seconded; motion passed.

6. Medallion Scholars – Larry Schlack
Larry has contacted each Medallion Scholar for a brief statement (a sentence or two) on the
best thing that’s happened to them this year. The statements will be included in the spring
newsletter if received in time. Larry also plans to coordinate a future lunch at the Park Club.

7. Emeriti Newsletter – Larry Schlack
Material for the newsletter was to be submitted to Larry by March 6 from Andy and Judy.
Larry plans to do a tribute to Nancy Dyksterhouse to be included in newsletter and a
column on outgoing council members. Nancy D. has been a godsend for us, keeping track
of expenses and revenues, and formatting the newsletter. Wed. II speakers scheduled for
Sept. and October will be included also. Wed. March 29 is next folding party, beginning at
8am. Last mailing went out bulk rate and we were charged a sorting fee for the first time.
Andy encouraged us to find out what method we have used in the past and specify that we
want to continue using that method.

Plans for future newsletters: Darryl wanted to work on newsletter this time but travel
schedules allowed only one meeting with Larry, who believes Darryl would be a good
newsletter editor, as he has helpful technical skills.

8. 2016-17 Wednesday IIs
Apr 12 – Dean McCurdy, KVCC Associate Vice President for Instruction, “KVCC’s Bronson
Healthy Living Campus -- Up and Running,” Heinig Emeriti Lounge
Larry will introduce and bring treats.
May 10 – Stan Robin, “Mosaic” (Monologues), Heinig Emeriti Lounge

9. 2017-18 Break-Fest and Wednesday IIs
a) Attendance and location: Last Wed. II for Lynn Houghton had 31 people, our highest
turnout since moving to the Emeriti Lounge. Feedback from attendees is that Emeriti
Lounge is better location to be able to see projection on screen. Parking is ample, though
requires some walking.

b) Tentative schedule of future events:
Aug. 9 Break-Fest – Kathy Beauregard, WMU Athletics, will be our speaker
Andy will tell them to make sure they have coffee and juice by the door for easy
access. Registration form will allow specifics for dietary restrictions. Andy will
invite John Dunn and possibly the new WMU president to attend.
Sept. 13 - Jim Bosco, “Schools vs. the World: Handicapping the Odds.”
Oct. 11 – Sandra Edwards and Nancy Hock, “Get a Grip on Grasp.”
Nov. 8 – Julie Garrison, “The Evolving Role of University Libraries”
Dec. 6 or 13 – Holiday Gathering; council expressed preference to have gathering
sooner in the month rather than later. Andy will reserve Fetzer Center for Dec. 6.
Jan. 10 – Ann Veeck, Marketing Dept. will speak on changing Chinese Food preferences.
Mar. 14, April 11 and May 9: To be determined.

10. **Council Election and Faculty Recognition Retirement Dinner** – Judith Halseth
Council ballot for March 2017 election includes candidates Jim Bosco, Gary Lawson, Donna Oas, Barbara Rider, and Phillip Vander Weg.

The Faculty Recognition Retirement Dinner cocktail hour has been shortened, as people did not utilize last year.

11. **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Updates** – Judith Halseth
Summer catalog will be out in late April. OLLI will offer 23 courses in June and July. Registration begins in May; register as soon as it opens for best course selection!

12. **Faculty Senate Updates** – Andy Brogowicz and Peter Krawutschke
**General Education: Improvement is underway.** General Education has been main topic of discussion at recent meetings. A major change is under consideration for a different framework: educational objectives will comprise foundation areas with more emphasis on assessment. Next committee will be tasked with implementation. Courses will be retained IF course can meet the new framework. Key issue is who will pay for it; Provost says money will be found once decision is made.

Sue Davenport wants to know who will be replacing Andy Brogowicz on Faculty Senate. So far, no emeritus has expressed interest.

At last Faculty Senate, Provost Tim Greene commented on enrollment for next year: WMU’s undergraduate acceptances are up, graduate enrollment is steady. However, international enrollment is down. We will need significant increases in volume to make up for the recently approved decrease in tuition for international students.

13. **New Business**
Peter K. noted Andy’s efforts in attempting to gain support for emerit research after the issue was raised by two emeriti colleagues. Andy sent an e-mail to provost. Tim responded that he didn’t know what would be available other than what individual depts. are willing to sponsor. Discussion among council of establishing an internal fund to support emeriti research. Council decided we didn’t want to dilute fundraising efforts focused on Medallion Scholars and Book Scholarships. Andy said he will talk to John Dunn if he gets the opportunity. If efforts fail, Peter volunteered to raise issue at Faculty Senate.

14. **Around the Table:** Larry will bring treats April 12 and introduce speaker.
We’ll be welcoming new members at May meeting. Incoming Emeriti Council will elect officers at their meeting following meeting of former members.

15. **Adjournment:** Moved by John G.; seconded by Peter K.

**Next meeting:** May 9, 2017, Heinig Emeriti Lounge, 2:00 pm