



## **James Madison University Staff Emeriti Association**

**Minutes – Aug. 15, 2023** (10:30 am, Wine Price Building, Conf. Rm 3030)

**Attendees:** Tina Updike, Rosemary Brenner, Donna Burch, Alma Hale-Cooper, Judy Marshall, Gail May, Kathy Sarver, Louise White, and Milla Sue Wisecarver.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Tina welcomed new members Donna Burch, Judy Marshall and Judy Powell and acknowledged the service of departing members Jane Beach, Norma Burkholder and Barbara Monger.

Minutes from the meeting on May 9, 2023, were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website. HR's Amanda Thomas updates this and the website welcome letter will be updated to include the Steering Committee membership change.

### **Business:**

- **Member Update:** 16 new members in 2023, including 6 new members since the May 9 Steering Committee meeting. (Lori Tolbert, Jackie Funkhouser, Bruce Helsley, Lesley Bailey, Lin Chiou-Fong Chen, Anne Neale).
- Donna raised the question of the possibility of retroactively nominating employees for the staff emeriti designation who retired some years ago but were not nominated, likely because of a change in supervisor. Tina stated that there was a Limited Opportunity for Staff Emeriti Status Designations from September 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019, and 10 retirees who met the criteria did receive staff emeriti status.
- Discussion of when SE designation began: Two SC members received it in 2006, but the policy formerly on the SE website indicated 2008 was the first year. A source for the correct date may be the library archives for Board of

Visitors meetings. (**Update:** Tina researched and found that Policy 1318 – Emeritus Staff was first approved by the President in 2002.)

- **Football Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day** is not yet publicized on the JMU website, but it is likely the final home regular-season game on Nov. 18.
- **Ticket Update:** An updated list of SEA members not using JMU email addresses will be sent to the JMU Athletics Ticket Office at the beginning of the academic year. This will allow those SEA members to order tickets for Faculty/Staff Appreciation games for football and men's and women's basketball.
- **Website:** Will have greetings letter updated, also upcoming events added when determined.
- **Supervisor Letter:** Will be sent by HR in November.
- **Madison Magazine:** Article for Spring/Summer issue is on page 61. Aug. 23 deadline for next article which will include photos from May luncheon. Tina needs an update on Pantry donations to include with the article.
- **Retirement Brunch for 2022 retirees:** Held June 1, 2023, at The Festival. The Steering Committee was represented by several members. Tina gave a brief presentation on the SEA, including events and The Pantry initiative. The Retirement Brunch for 2023 retirees will be Nov. 14, 2023. SEA will ask HR to provide names of Nov. 14 attendees, so that we can distribute information cards to SEA members.
- **Food Pantry:** As of the May 15 luncheon, donations from 13 unique donors, 20 different gifts, total \$915. We will continue to collect donations at SEA events. We are seeking information from Jeremy Hawkins of The Pantry on back-to-school needs for possible donations at upcoming events.
- **May Luncheon with President Alger:** Big success: 43 members and 9 guests, 3 administrators for 55 total. 10 RSVP'd they could not attend.

### **Future Events:**

- **Cracked Pillar**, Thurs, Sept. 14. Donna Burch will take care of reservations. Alma will handle donations to The Pantry (collecting and then delivering to appropriate location on campus).
- **Lisanby Museum and Gallery**, Treasures of the Madison Art Collection, possible dates (in order of preference): Oct 13, Oct. 6. There is an option to hold a luncheon before (instead of after) the tour at The Festival Food Court. Tina will make tour arrangements with Ginny Soenksen.
- **Holiday Luncheon**, Nov. 29 or 30, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with social half-hour before. Gail will check on availability at Cross Keys.

- **Next Steering Committee meeting:** Tuesday, Nov. 21 will have to be off-campus due to JMU's Thanksgiving break. It was suggested we meet at 11, 11:30 at O'Neill's, Louise will check. Vinny's, El Charro other possibilities.
  - **X-Labs Tour at Lakeview Hall.** There is no longer a Makery at Lakeview, but we could do a tour of X-Labs. Kathy is waiting to hear from Connie Frigo, new Director of X-Labs, about possibly having a popup Makery. This tour could probably be done when school is in session as there is some parking at Lakeview, other parking at P Lot.
  - **College Farm** has been renovated. Good spot for a spring (brown bag luncheon)
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- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov. 21, 11 am -1 pm at O'Neill's Grill