



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

**Minutes – June 14, 2022** (10:30 am, Wine Price Building, Conf. Rm 3030)

**Attendees:** Tina Updike, Jane Beach, Alma Hale-Cooper, Barbara Monger, Kathy Sarver, Louise White, and Milla Sue Wisecarver.

### **Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2022 meeting.**

Minutes from the meeting on May 10, 2022 were unanimously approved. These will be posted to the SEA website.

### **Staff Emeriti membership:**

- **Member Update:** 7 new members retiring this summer.
- **JMU email:** We were provided 72 JMU e-mail addresses of SEA members that will be deleted from the JMU email system due to lack of use. (Letters were mailed a year ago alerting users to this change.). Of the 72, four users are deceased, 28 have provided alternative emails to the SEA, two were not on the list of Staff Emeriti members, and 38 are SEA members who have rarely, if ever, attended SEA events. Deleted account names will still be listed in the JMU online directory.
- **Athletics ticketing:** Athletics ticketing should be able to have SEA members use a non-JMU email address to request tickets for Faculty/Staff Appreciation sports events. Brad Burgess is the new contact person in Athletics for this area; Kathy will contact him on our behalf.
- **Parking Services** letter concerning annual vehicle registration renewal included checkboxes for emeritus faculty and retired staff, but not emeritus staff. Tina contacted Parking Services director Bill Yates, who indicated that emeritus staff will be recorded as such in their registration database. The new policy will be based on the license plate of the Emeritus/a staff member's registered vehicle. Parking services will no longer distribute hang tags.

**Increase awareness:** HR's Amanda Thomas has posted minutes and agenda on the SEA website. The semiannual email letter to supervisors (reminding them of the staff emeritus designation for their employees) is still in the approval process for distribution. In the past the letter has been sent in May and November.

- The first ever Staff Retiree event, a breakfast at The Festival, was held June 7 and included retirees from the past three years. The SEA was represented at the event by several members of the Steering Committee.
- Tina has submitted the Madison Magazine article for the fall issue, with the content focusing on the SEA's return to in-person meetings, including with the State of the University luncheon. A University photographer took photos at the State of the University luncheon. Tina will share the photos with Steering Committee members via a link to Dropbox.

**Volunteer activity:**

- No new volunteer activity has been scheduled. Waiting to hear if HR will hold their second annual Retirement Fair this fall 2022.

**Membership development:**

- May 26 State of the University luncheon with VP Tim Miller speaking: Attending were 28 SEA members, 4 guests, and 5 others for 37 total. The reception, luncheon, speaker, and raffle of door prizes was a successful format that everyone agreed should be repeated next year.
- June 8 tour of Mineral Museum and lunch at Vito's: Attending were 25 for the tour (19 members, 5 guests, 1 administrator) and 27 for lunch. The tour was a big success. The tour guides, Drs. Cindy and Lance Kearns, were informative and generous with their time answering questions in the museum. As expected with a large group, the luncheon lasted for nearly two hours. It was suggested that future luncheon invitations use the wording "leisurely lunch and conversation" to describe the event.
- Planning for upcoming events: **Luncheon for July:** Jane Beach will check with Cracked Pillar for dates of July 19, 21 and 22. (Update: the 22<sup>nd</sup> was scheduled). **Luncheon/Tour for August:** Milla Sue will check with Kathleen Campbell in Residence Life for possible dates in early August for a tour of Jennings Hall. Nearby luncheon possibilities include Island Wing and O'Neill's. **Football Game Watch Party at O'Neill's:** Kathy suggested scheduling this for an away game. Milla Sue will check on dates and follow-up with O'Neill's on their policies for watch parties.
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 10:00 a.m.** Wine Price conf. rm 3030.