Magis Faculty Society
Saint Louis University

Dear Colleague,

A number of years ago Don King (Law) founded the Society of Emeritus and Emerita Professors. For a variety of reasons that organization went out of existence. Now with the encouragement and support of Father Biondi and the Academic Affairs Vice-President Manoj Patankar, a group of retired colleagues have been meeting and planning a new organization for emeritus and retired faculty at Saint Louis University. We are calling ourselves the Magis Faculty Society of Saint Louis University.

The mission of The Magis Faculty Society of Saint Louis University is to provide more opportunities for emeritus and retired faculty to come together to enjoy continuing bonds of collegiality, to participate in educational and professional programs, and to continue to be men and women for others through ongoing service to the University community.

Magis is the Latin term meaning “more” and has been traditionally used by the Jesuits to suggest the spirit of generous excellence and striving for the greater good. Although technically retired, we continue to pursue the magis through collegial relations, personal development and service.

Our plan is to start officially next semester in either late January or February with a University sponsored luncheon and guest speaker for those interested and their spouses/significant others and then move to informal lunches with program presentations. Our first opportunity to participate in a University program is SLU’s annual Presidential and Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship weekends. Held in late February and March, these scholarship weekends will be a key step to re-establishing the Magis Faculty Society. Please see the invitation from Fr. Biondi to participate in these interviews.

We will work with other SLU officials to better implement the University’s policies on emeritus and retired faculty and are open to other ideas as to what activities and issues the Society should address. If you are interested in joining us in this venture, send us an email indicating your preferred email address and phone number. Our email address is:

MagisFaculty@slu.edu

If you do not use email on a regular basis, send me a note at 278 Andes Dr., Glen Carbon, Illinois 62304 with your mailing address and phone number. We will add you to a special notification list. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John Slosar
President Pro-tem,
Magis Faculty Society