

ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting

Minutes DRAFT

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom by Fred Tudiver, President. Members present were Cynthia Burnley, Norma Hogan, Bonny Stanley, Priscilla Ramsey, Charles Moore, and Tisha Harrison.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 27th meeting were approved as emailed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee/Program Committee (Fred Tudiver, Don Gotterbarn, Norma Hogan, Scott Champney): Fred Tudiver reported.

The board discussed our need for new board members.

- Members rotating off are Gail Burleson, Jack Rhoton, and Jeff Wardeska.
- Fred Tudiver will continue as Past President.
- Marie Tedesco has said yes, she will serve.
- Update: Since the 10/25 meeting, Judy Slagle has said yes, she will serve.
- Fred will check with Jack Rhoton about a retired faculty member from Nursing who has been active with our Second Harvest effort.
- As noted in the previous minutes, Priscilla Ramsey will continue as our Liaison to Faculty Senate; David Kalwinsky, as our volunteer to help with communication, and Jack Rhoton, as our liaison to Second Harvest.
- Fred has written an article for the December newsletter on our Eat and Chat with Joy Fulkerson and Ramsay McGowen. Everyone agreed that it was excellent.
- Discussion of the schedule of events and questions
 - November 10 Annual Meeting Johnson City Country Club Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Provost as speaker; Dr. Noland to introduce her if he is able to attend. Tisha will check with Dr. Noland's staff to see how his calendar is looking. Tisha said that, so far, we have only about 25 people registered and paid. This number is significantly down from attendance at annual meetings before the pandemic. Tisha will send another email immediately. Fred will review the finances and determine if we need to cancel the meeting. If people indicate they are coming, they can pay at the

- door. We probably will have to tell the Country Club that we need to move into a smaller room that seats up to 50. Tisha will check on the minimum number and the latest possible date to give the number of attendees to the Country Club staff.
- If we do have the November 10th annual meeting, the board will meet in person at 10:30 a.m. before the luncheon.
- If we cancel the annual meeting, our next board meeting will be November 29. Fred will chair this meeting. Note that the time will change to 1:30 p.m.

Membership/Communication Committees: Cynthia Burnley reported. She will wait until information about the November 10 luncheon is clear before she sends her invitation for membership, along with information about upcoming activities.

New Members

Mr. James Bitter – Life member

Mr. Wayne Winkler – Yearly member

Ms. Tammy Hayes – Life Member

September Retirees

Ms. Pamela Charlton, Academic Support Kingsport, Patient Care Representative

Dr. Dennis Depew, Engineering, Engineer Tech, Surveying, Professor

Mrs. Wanda Haehner, Nursing Graduate Programs, Executive Aide

Dr. Saeidreza Harirforoosh, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Professor

Dr. David Johnson, COM Research Dept. of Medical Education, Professor

Dr. Danny Jones, Counseling Center, Director

Mr. John Nelson, Recycling & Sustainability Program, Assoc. Professor

Dr. Lisa Ousley, Nursing Graduate Programs, Associate Professor

Mrs. Rebecca Paluzzi, Music, Professor

Ms. Joyce Taylor, Finance & Administration, Assistant Dean

Mr. Timothy Whitlock, Plant Maintenance & Repairs, Electrician High Voltage

Finance Committee – Charles Moore, Chair and Treasurer, reported:

• The fund balances were attached to the agenda: Retirees Assoc. - \$7,265.22; Life Membership - \$26,787.38; Scholarship Endowment - \$277,328.34 and Endowment Operating - \$19,121.83.

Charles noted that the endowment interest income of \$10,684.42 was posted in July and that we currently have six \$1,000 scholarships.

University/ Community Service Committee – Charles Moore, Jack Rhoton: Jack Rhoton was absent.

Liaison Committee – Priscilla Ramsey reported.

- ACL has an excellent line up of speakers for their spring sessions.
- Dr. Nick Hagemeyer, the new Vice Provost for Research, spoke about changes to the Office
 of Research and Sponsored Programs. IRB will now be called the "Human Research
 Protection Program." He stated that, compared to our peer institutions, our amount of
 external funding is near the bottom of the group, approximately \$20 million a year. We
 need to do better.
- The new Dean of the Library has formed a Library Advisory committee to proposed solutions for the changing role of libraries.
- The Board of Trustees has issued a report that focuses on tuition.
- The revision of the general Education program has just started, Priscilla will keep us informed.
- Arts and Sciences is terminating the Bachelor of Fine Arts with a Studio Art concentration and replacing it with a Studio Art BFA.

Faculty Senate Oct. 24, 2022

- 1. Presentation by Dr. Nick Hagemeier, PharmD, PhD Vice Provost for Research and Chief Research Officer including IRB, now called Human Research Protection Program, Dr. Hagemeier discussed our current research projects and current funding in relation to peer institutions. Another aspect is the impact of current research, such a creating new knowledge that would change clinical practice standards for example. Although there has been progress in increasing faculty research, Dr. Hagemeier proposed some strategies to increase ETSU's productivity.
- 2. General Education Advisory Committee this is headed by Dr. Bill Garris with a committee of 14, to propose changes in the general education requirements.
- 3. Sherrod Library Faculty Advisory Committee comprised of departmental representatives and librarians to recommend changes in print and other collections and technology to accommodate increasing costs due to inflation. Also under consideration is space reallocation as more and more research information is computerized reducing shelf space.
- 4. Two new courses have been approved: IPEU 1000 Foundations of Interprofessional Teamwork and Collaboration and SOWK 4368-Substance Use and Addiction: An Interdisciplinary Perspective. Art B.F.A. (Studio Art concentation) will change to Studio Art B.F.A. with no change in course structure or content.

5. Other: Possibility of an "Ice" skating rink for the Commons. Lamb Hall should be complete by March for faculty and staff occupancy.

Campus Center demolition will be pushed back until September 2023.



Other Business and Miscellaneous:

Our next meeting will be November 10 at 10:30 before the annual meeting at the Country Club OR if the annual meeting must be canceled, at on November 29 at 1:30 p.m. by Zoom.

There being no further business, Fred adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

--Norma Hogan, Recording Secretary