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President's Message

Your Emeriti Association Council met on April 29. We reviewed financial and membership data and were pleased to hear all is well in these areas.

We spent considerable time discussing the departure of the administrative assistant working mostly for OLLI but who also aids our Emeriti Association. This position provides several hours per week in administrative support for our Emeriti Association, helping with emails, telephone messages, and communication with our membership. Efforts are in place to fill the position, and we will assess our situation and our various Emeriti databases in the transition. The Emeriti Association appreciates assistance received through this arrangement/partnership with OLLI, and we want to specifically express our gratitude to Sofia Gustafson who has filled this role as administrative assistant so very well. We wish Sofia the absolute best in her new role and assignment.

Please be patient over the next few months as we adjust without administrative assistance until Sofia's position is filled. The position request is in process but may take some time. In the meantime, volunteers with your Council will be managing all communications.

Springtime in Oklahoma does bring storms and rain showers. This time of year also brings celebrations and graduations! Recently, OSU celebrated with graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies. Thanks to those of you who volunteer at the ceremonies and help students and their families celebrate this wonderful achievement! This is one of the many ways retirees help to fulfill the mission and success associated with OSU.

Our Monday Night Dinner scheduled for May 6 was postponed due to the serious storms that marched across Oklahoma on that evening. We re-scheduled the dinner for May 13 and held our joint program with OLLI. Bradley Wynn provided an overview of the history associated with Film Row in Oklahoma City. We also heard from OLLI Director, Robbin Davis, regarding the many excellent programs offered through OLLI.

We look forward to our June 3 Monday Night Dinner program offered by our own Doug Aichele. Look for the RSVP notice coming soon!

Respectfully,

Mike Woods, President

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Summary of Work / Business Conducted by the Athletics, Health & Wellness Faculty Council Committee

**Prepared by Doug Aichele, Emeriti Association
Representative to the Committee**

The Committee is charged with formulating plans and recommendations that pertain to physical and behavioral health resources and services for the University community, with a particular focus on the physical and behavioral health of all intercollegiate athletes, Club Sport and Intramural athletics, as well as the general student body, faculty and staff active in athletics, sports, and wellness activities in the University, with a goal of promoting quality and equity of services to all. The Committee meets 4 times per semester on a monthly basis.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the Committee has researched all physical and behavioral health services provided on the OSU campus to NCAA athletic participants, as well as the larger university community who participate in Club, Intramural, and campus recreation activities. Through this analysis a gap has been identified in the physical health services provided to university members participating in Club, Intramural, and recreation activities. Only personnel who are trained in CPR are present at most events and activities. With over 4500 intramural games and team activities, and over 2300 Club sporting activities/games per year there is no on-site access to trained personnel in the evaluation, treatment, triage and management of injuries. Athletes that participate in NCAA athletics have immediate access at all times to a comprehensive medical team, including on-site access to services provided by an Athletic Trainer.

Currently at OSU, students who participate in club and intramural sports do not have regular medical coverage provided to them. When injured during participation, students can either wait to go to the student health center or 911 is called. The financial costs associated with this are placed upon the student and there is no direct follow-up for rehabilitation or safe return to play. Injuries (many of which include concussion/head injury) can have a direct negative impact on student learning and academic performance, and can lead to a decline in one's mental health. Additionally, injuries that go untreated can have a significant burden on activities of daily living impacting the students' overall college and academic experience.

The Committee interviewed several peer institutions that have Athletic Trainers on site to provide athletic healthcare (injury evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation) to Club, Intramural, and university students/faculty/staff that utilize recreational facilities and activities. The Athletics, Health, and Wellness Committee has presented a proposal to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council and is on the May agenda to recommend to the Faculty Council that the University provide on-site healthcare services by a Certified Athletic Trainer to be available for Club, intramural, and recreational activities on campus.

Upcoming Monday Night Dinner Programs

Following is a list of the upcoming Emeriti Monday Night Dinner Programs:

June 3—Dr. Doug Aichele, “Sled Dog Tails. . .It’s All About the Dogs!” with Gabbie and Doug Aichele

July 8—(Tentative) Monday Night Pizza at Hideaway, 6 pm, No Program

August 5—(Tentative) Monday Night Pizza at Hideaway, 6 pm, No Program

Photos From the May Monday Night Dinner



Content Added to Emeriti Web Site Since the Last Newsletter

The following content has been added to the Emeriti Web site since the publication of the last newsletter:

March [Minutes](#)

Geneva Dugger [Obituary](#) Andy Adsit [Obituary](#)

Bertil Hanson [Obituary](#)