

## OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 31, 2022

2:00 Zoom

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Kent Sampson, Mike Lorenz, Priscilla Gerfen, Kay Keys, Ron Elliott

**Soon-to-be Treasurer Present:** Ron Miller

**Council Members Present:** Francis Epplin, Bob LeValley, Gary Sherrer, Judy Hoberock, Barbara Miller, Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, Mike Woods

**Committee Chairs Present:** None

**Minutes:** It was moved (Barbara) and seconded (Mike L.) that the minutes of the December 6 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** For the benefit of new council members, Ron made a detailed presentation of his end-of-year report, answering questions as they arose. The report was received as presented.

With regard to the \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit coming due February 1 at the Credit Union, Barbara moved and Carolyn seconded that \$5,000 be awarded in scholarships and \$5,000 be added to the Money Market account until such time as CD interest rates increase. Following discussion, Gerald moved to amend the first part of the motion to state that \$5,000 be moved to the endowment for scholarships. Gary seconded the motion, and the motion passed with one dissenting vote. The vote on the original motion was then approved.

In other business, it was moved (Ray) and seconded (Gary) that \$1,265 be transferred from the Foundation General Fund (20-70400) to the checking account to subsidize the Monday Night Dinners. The motion passed.

Ron announced that the new treasurer, Ron Miller, would be assuming his duties in early February. Both Rons will work together to collect money at the February 7 Monday Night Dinner.

**Programs:** Priscilla reported the disappointing news that President Shrum will be out of town and, therefore, unable to speak at the February dinner. At Mike Lorenz's suggestion, she will contact the president's office to see if Kyle Wray, senior vice-president for executive affairs might be available to speak. An email will be sent to let members know of whatever change is made.

The speaker for the March meeting will be Steve Dobbs (Landscaping), and Mike Boynton will speak at the April meeting.

## Committee Reports

**Membership:** Mike Lorenz announced that he, Sofia, and Zane had the 2022 Directory almost ready to go to print. His President's Report has been sent to councilors and will be included in the directory. In a written report, Mike indicated that membership decreased in 2019 (473) and 2021 (445). In the two-year period from January, 2020, through December, 2021, the following new members were added:

- 2020 Annual: Laura Barnes, Carol Bender, Cheryl Berkland, William and Janet Cole, Bill Ivy
- 2020 Life: Grant Rezabek, Mike and Mary Woods
- 2021 Annual: Regina Henry, Mary Malaska
- 2021 Life: Ray and Sandy Huhnke, Karen Jobe, John and Barbara Mintmire, Carol Schmitz, Steve and Barbara Stadler, Bill and Penny Weeks

To date, 15 annual memberships have been renewed. Emails encouraging renewal have been sent.

As some councilors were attending their first meeting, Mike explained the procedure used to recruit new retirees. He will soon be sending recruitment materials to the provost's office for envelope labeling and mailing (at their expense). Councilors will have an opportunity to see the list and make personal contact with those they know.

**Faculty Council:** Barbara's full written reports of two Faculty Council meetings follow these minutes. See below.

**Student Affairs/Learning Resources:** Kent announced that Regina Henry had been appointed to replace him on this committee.

**Academic Standards and Policies:** In Kathryn's absence, Kent presented her report, which included two items.

- The registrar has brought OSU into FERPA compliance, something which all other state higher education institutions have already done.
- Faculty Council will be considering how to address the issues of research and tenure decisions which have been delayed due to the pandemic.

**Committee Vacancies:** Replacements need to be found for Daryl Nord (Campus Facilities, Safety and Security), Zane Quible (Newsletter, Directory, Web-site), and Kent (President Elect).

**Old Business:** Kent presented a draft proposal from Josh Taylor, director of the Hargis Leadership Institute. The organization hopes to match interested members of the Emeriti Association with emerging student leaders (not President Leadership Council students). The draft outlined how such partnering could possibly work. Following discussion, it was decided to move forward with the program in Fall 2022. Mike suggested that the Institute share a listing of names and fields of study of those students identified for inclusion in the program. This list would, in turn, be shared with members.

**New Business:** Kent asked that councilors share ideas for member volunteer opportunities with him, Mike, and Sofia. He then stated that the next meeting would be February 28 at 2:00 in the Alumni Center.

**Adjournment:** It was moved (Gary) and seconded (Gerald) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:53.

Submitted by Kay W. Keys, Secretary

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### **Report of December 14, 2021, faculty Council Meeting, submitted by Barbara Miller**

**Special Report: Dr Raj Murthy, Computer Security** (replacing Darlene Hightower as chief information officer). Dr. Murthy reported on what IT is working on, pertaining to research, academia, administration, athletics, alumni and the Community. All of these groups have specific needs and all need to be addressed by IT. They are working on studying security, capacity, ability to change as needed, and resilience to come out of compromise situations. He further instructed those present to trust nobody if you suspect security breach.

**Dr. Leon McClinton** reported on the Martin Luther King upcoming celebrations. These included the 2 pm march on January 17 and Soledad OBrien coming on the 20<sup>th</sup> to the McKnight Center.

**Dr. Kyle Wray** for President Shrum: Six Month Update on New Presidents activities: Over 17,000 on campus have been vaccinated. The University has received a huge historic grant from the Department of Defense for STEM research and 10 million Dollars in grants in September. The President is working on creating strategic plan committee with all stake holders asap (this includes EMERITI)

**Vice Provost in for Provost:** No new Faculty Council recommendations have been accepted but hope they will be by January. The graduate college has reduced the number of undergraduate hours that can be transferred to graduate credit from 15 to 9.

**Women's Faculty Council report:** WFC plans a research symposium for April in conjunction with their Student Research Awards ceremony. They have added to their website a revised version of "Best practices for supervisors supporting OSU faculty, staff and student caregivers during COVID."

**The Diversity Committee** has published a statement on "LAND Acknowledgement Statement for OSU Stillwater Campus. It will be available on Faculty Council Web Page.

**Covid update:** **Dr. Stevens** reported a 7 day average of daily cases is 1280, down from 2806 in August. We are 39<sup>th</sup> in the country of fully vaccinated on campus, at 52.5 percent. They still have to follow the state mandate of encouraging vaccinations rather than requiring.

**Dr. Hallenbeck** presented a three-page handout on mental health treatment on campus. It will appear on Faculty Council webpage, and covers training, self-help, peer support, mental health promotions, referrals, case management, Support groups, individual therapy, and crisis support.

**Joe Weaver** noted a successful semester, the buildings on the SW side of Hall of Fame and Monroe are being torn down, and a new roof will go on Math Science Building.

**Barbara Miller** (Note: the two documents on Mental Health and Land Management should be able to be read on faculty council webpage but I have a copy if anyone needs one sooner.)

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### **Report of January 11, 2022, Faculty Council Meeting, submitted by Barbara Miller**

**Special Report: Chris Ormsbee**, Assoc. Provost and ITLE Director. ITLE has lots of help for faculty struggling with online or hybrid courses. Look on their website. They are using CANVAS, and there are 165 three-minute guides to various aspects of the software.

**President Shrum** - OSU will get much recognition for being in the Fiesta Bowl. Harold Hamm has given a \$50 million gift for a new Institute for American Energy. This will lead to OSU obtaining many federal and state grants plus private funds for this new enterprise.

The state regents are to review the funding formula for Higher Ed in the state. There will be a nine-month planning process for development and a committee of all stake holders at OSU is being formed. Jerome Loughridge will chair the committee. It will cover such topics as Aspiration for enrollments, connecting all OSU campuses to teaching and research, and reassessment of the land grant mission for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. They hope to create a central plan that all colleges and departments can move on based on the central plan. President Shrum's priorities for the future are energy, agriculture, aerospace and health, plus underlying STEM education. They will emphasize interdisciplinary method. The Committee hopes to define questions, consult our researchers for help, in addition to OSU alumni and other external help. They hope to have a working document for regents approval by September. They hope to announce members of the steering committee soon, and there will be updates periodically.

**Dr. Sewell** Met with the research Committee to discuss the flow of Grant funding and spousal accommodation in recruiting.

**Dr. Halenbeck** indicated they are working on a remembrance garden by the Firehouse, to honor those lost to Covid.

A Covid update Power Point was presented and will be available on the Faculty Council Website. Summary included: A mask mandate is required for classrooms but not public places on campus. The first two weeks of class will be open classrooms, but they may close and rely on zoom if a Covid case is presented. The hybrid, zoom, and in person plan will continue for the time being. (Note this was presented before classes resumed).

**Kim Beard speaking for the Wellness Center** mentioned a Vision Board Workshop (already taken place Jan. 27), America's Healthiest Campus AHC innovator training, Feb. 1, and **Hearing Screenings on February 18, 11 am to 1 pm** for all benefits-eligible employees. It is recommended that all adults over age 50 have hearing screenings every three years.

**Rebecca Sheehan - Graduate Council –**

A new Geology Professional Master's (PSM) degree has been approved.

The following program has been re-activated: PhD in Human Sciences, an option in Design Housing and Merchandising.

The council voted to support application fee waivers for veterans beginning with fall 2023 applications.

Dr. Jim Hess was named Vice Provost for graduate Programs, replacing Dr. Bruce Benjamin who retired.

The council approved the following program modifications: Substance Abuse Graduate Certificate request to offer online; MS nutritional Sciences request to delete the option in Dietetics; And Graduate Certificate in gerontology, a request to delete the program.

Please consult the Faculty Council webpage for powerpoints, more detailed information, and status of recommendations. Barbara Miller