

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 27, 2023

1:30 Emeriti Suite

Executive Committee Members Present: Gary Sherrer, Mike Woods, Kent Sampson, Priscilla Gerfen, Kay Keys, Ron Miller

Council Members Present: Judy Hoberock, Barbara Miller, Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, Carol Schmitz, Bob LeValley

Committee Chairs Present: None

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Gary.

Minutes: It was moved (Mike Woods) and seconded (Barbara) that the minutes of the February 27 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Following Ron's presentation, it was moved (Barbara) and seconded (Judy) that the treasurer's report be received.

Past President's Report: Kent announced that the Special Olympics would be held May 17-19 and asked those interested in volunteering to contact him. He further stated that the celebration of the Emeriti Association's 35th anniversary had been set for 6:00 p.m. on September 11. Ron Beer will provide a fifteen-to- twenty-minute talk on the association's history. The consensus of the group was that no other speaker would be needed. Kent indicated that President Shrum and Ann Caine would be invited.

Vice-president for Activities: Priscilla reminded the group that Mark Blakeman, Executive Director of the McKnight Center will be the speaker at the next Monday night dinner. His presentation will include a video.

Administrative Assistant Report: To date, 69 reservations have been received for next Monday's dinner. This figure includes two prospective members. There was a brief discussion regarding whether or not a gluten-free option should be provided at the dinners; however, no action was taken.

Membership Report: Jim and Carol Trapp have indicated an interest in joining the Emeriti Association.

Group Picture: Upon the arrival of the photographer, the group broke for a picture in front of the fireplace. The picture will be displayed in the Emeriti Office.

Committee Reports:

Faculty Council: Barbara reported on the two most recent faculty meetings. Both reports appear following these minutes.

New Business: It was moved (Bob) and seconded (Ron) that a 35th Anniversary Committee be formed to plan the September 11 celebration. The motion passed. The committee will be comprised of four people: Cara Beer, Joyce Sherrer, Kay Keys, and Priscilla Gerfen. Kay and Priscilla will serve as co-chairs. In addition to planning the festivities, the committee is charged with presenting a budget for approval by the Council.

In other new business, Gary indicated that Ed Arquitt would be stepping down from his position as liaison to OLLI and that Robbin Davis had requested that the Council name a replacement. Following a brief discussion, it was moved (Ray) and seconded (Gerald) that Carol Schmitz serve as liaison on the OLLI Advisory Committee. The motion carried.

In a brief discussion about the May meeting, to be held at Legacy in conjunction with OLLI, Ron indicated that he had experienced difficulty in collecting from OLLI members last year. He suggested that he collect from Emeriti member and from those who hold membership in both organizations. He further suggested that OLLI collect from those who hold membership solely in OLLI. Sofia will check on the feasibility of this recommended procedure.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: It was moved (Bob) and seconded (Ron) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25.

Announcements:

- The next dinner will be held at 6:00 on April 3.
- The next council meeting will be held at 1:30 on April 24 in the Emeriti Suite.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kay W. Keys, Secretary

March 21, 2023, Emeriti Faculty Council Report

Submitted by Barbara Miller

Report: Aaron Smith, Information Security Officer/Director : Dr. Smith reported that, for the time being, due to a study of information security, the TikTok APP will be blocked from OSU

services. He added that there is no overall OSU policy of social media, but each possible breach is studied independently.

Report: Jamey Jacob, Oklahoma Aerospace Institute for Research and Development

This institute focuses on focusses on research that will forward the technologies related to the Aerospace industry, and includes most of the OSU colleges, who are collaborating to incorporate aerospace-related information into their curriculums. A an S includes this work in Geology, Geography, Integrated Biology, Physics, Military science, as well as aerospace studies in general. Programs also at Wichita State, with budgets of 190 Million dollars.

President Shrumm: Garth Brooks coming, two concerts, April 14-15. The proceeds will fund scholarships, and one donor has already donated a half million dollars for one of the concerts, with the other concert going for scholarships specifically.

There will be a special symposium on Health on Campus April 28, limited to 100 people. HPNRI (Human Performance and Nutrition Research Institute). They are hoping to have participation across Athletics, Extension, Nutritional Sciences.

Asked question about whether OSU will comment on the Legislature’s bill to appoint a committee to select books for K-12 instead of teachers and librarians trained in this field. Boiler plate response based on the coalition in the Capital of higher ed schools who have to pick their battles. Not a priority for them.

Provost: Land statement FINALLY nearing approval, by end of year hopefully.

Many many Dean openings! Assoc Vice Provost, Agriculture Dean, Sara Tucker, Graduate College Dean; Dr, Eastman in Spears school of business Dean. Working on this asap. A and S Dean will stay another year, so on current back burner.

Faculty Council Chair is still looking for nominees for various Faculty Council positions.

The Special Committee appointed to create a standing committee for Non Tenure Track Faculty will hold an opportunity for comments on this topic on April 6 on Zoom.

Graduate Council report: Dr. Ormsby will give a report next month on the IPA changes in exams. Focus will now be whether you come from a country where English is spoken, instead of whether you are a native speaker of English.

February 15, 2023, Faculty Council Report

Submitted by Barbara Miller

Dr. Ron VandenBussche reported on the **Institutional Research Security Program**. All Universities with over \$40 million in research grants are now required to follow these federal guidelines. This includes the Security Program, as well as a Research Training Program to ensure all guidelines are followed by those submitting for federal grants. They are working on establishing this program. Another requirement is for a Digital Persistent Identifier system,

which is a link which consistently points to something on the Web and does not change over time. At present the Library uses the ORCID program software. This is the only available software at this time, and most universities use it. The security measures in place must include four areas of concern: Cybersecurity, Research Security Training, Foreign Travel Security, and Export Control training. An insider threat program is in place already.

The National Center for Wellness and Recovery is working on preventive measures on such things as false cannabis which often contains Fentanols.

President Shrumm reported that several campus Institute programs have been created, to link research on campus to industry and provide ongoing means of communication between the two groups.

She reported that Dr. Carol Jones has taken on the position of Ombudsman.

The Big 12 have now moved past the OU and Texas migration, and are moving forward on selecting new conference members.

President Shrumm was asked about the state bill on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and noted that they need not respond to the Secretary of Education, that this is only for K-12.

The Provost noted that they are nearing the end of the Associate Vice Provost search, and the Business Dean search.

Vice President Joe Weaver updated on the hospital/Insurance discussions. He noted that it is a good sign that the two are resuming talks after a period of no negotiation. Also, President Shrumm is a member of the BCBS Board. He feels we will come out good in this process because we can replace the hospital and people can go elsewhere (which they already have), whereas the hospital cannot replace the huge OSU number of insureds.
