

## OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 27, 2023

1:30 Emeriti Suite

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

**Council Members Present:** Barbara Miller, Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, Carol Schmitz, Gary Clark, 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 (Kent) and seconded (Barbara) that the minutes of the October 30 meeting be approved. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** It was moved (Gary Clark) and seconded (Bob) that the report be received. The motion passed. Following a brief discussion, it was moved (Kent) and seconded (Mike Woods) that \$4,000 of the \$6,917 Certificate of Deposit coming due on December 1 be rolled over to a new CD and that the remaining \$2,917 be deposited into the checking account. The motion carried.

**Past President's Report:** Kent reminded council members to send in their updated job descriptions as soon as possible.

**Vice-President for Activities:** In Priscilla's absence, there was no report.

**Administrative Assistant Report:** Sofia reported that, to date, 86 reservations had been received for the December dinner.

**Membership Report:** In Mike's absence, Gary reported that David Peters had joined as an annual member.

**Faculty Council:** Barbara's complete report is included below.

**Other Business:** Kent presented the slate of officers and councilors listed below. There being no further nominations, it was moved (Mike Woods) and seconded (Carolyn) that the slate be elected for the 2024 calendar year. The motion passed. All will be introduced at the December dinner.

**Executive Committee:**

- Mike Woods, president
- Carolyn Gang, president-elect
- Priscilla Gerfen, vice-president for activities (Term ends in December, 2024.)
- Becky Schlais, secretary
- Ron Miller, treasurer (Term ends in December, 2024.)

**Councilors-at-large:**

- Gerald Stangl has agreed to a second term.
- Kent Sampson will serve in the position vacated by Barbara Miller, who has served two terms.
- Judy Hoberock has agreed to serve a second term.
- Sue Williams will replace Carolyn Gang, who has been nominated for the position of president-elect.

**Adjournment:** It was moved (Carol) and seconded (Barbara) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:16.

**Announcements:** The next Monday Night Dinner will be December 4. The next Council Meeting will be January 29.

Council Meetings for 2024 are as follows: January 29, February 26, March 25, April 29, May 20 (may change/conflict with Investment Club), August 26, September 30, October 28, November 25.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Kay W. Keys, secretary

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**November 14, 2023, Faculty Council Report**

Submitted by Barbara Miller

**Special Report – Dan Ray** – Captain of OSU Police Force -Captain Ray reported on results of the Campus Safety and Security Survey. This concerned safety procedures for classrooms. Results indicated that 87% of OSU personnel and students felt they needed training to handle sudden appearance of assailants. The Emergency Management at OSU of which Ray is a member are working on a video training module, a 10-15 minute power point and video for first responders to be available very soon. Then in spring a higher production video will be produced for use in classes, hallways, et., using theater department actors. In answer to a question, Ray indicated that they are working on getting cards for students and teachers for access to campus buildings. He also pointed out that newer buildings such as Will Rogers Elementary school are now being

built in an “S” shape, for shorter site lines in case of intrusion. Longer site lines can mean more people could get wounded by intruders.

**Special Report, Dr. Sam Emerson, Faculty Fellow for Strategic Initiatives**, reported that there are 10 Faculty Fellows at the University, whose duties including leading working groups and engaging people all over campus. He mentioned Rebecca Brennan is temporarily stepping down her duties on the Institute for the Humanities to handle this position to Enrich and integrate the Arts on Campus. Tamara Mix is working on GenEd reform, Brian Elbiny is doing Aerospace, and Susan Stansberry is expanding opportunities for K-12 STEM education. These leaders will form task forces and create initiatives to present to President Shrumm. The task forces will have transdisciplinary teams.

**President Shrumm.** The president began by thanking everyone for making the Bedlam game such a success on campus. She also reported that so far (first two months) for fiscal year 2024 we have over \$22.5 million coming in which is 75 percent higher than last year.

Tulsa has been named a Tech Hub to partner with OSU and the Tulsa Innovation Lab, with industry partnerships.

Dr Loughridge is working with a task force on Extension, to elevate and amplify Extension services, an area where we are already prominent in the U.S. Phase 1 has Board of Regents approval and will include working with industry partners such as agricultural producers and non-OSU stakeholders such as County based staff and faculty. They are applying for more funding for these project, but are competing with the school districts for the same pot of money. In phase 2 they will work with Dr. Emerson to integrate RPT into extension work.

The 2024 legislative session is beginning in January, and OSU is seeking funding for interdisciplinary research as its number one ask. They are also working on funding proposals for rural health and economic development.

They are working on a solution for keeping busses running for late night classes for graduate students, since the Bussing group has canceled late night runs due to lower attendance. They’re trying to get smaller cars or vans for these late runs.

**Council Chair** – This year will be the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Faculty Council at OSU. On November 30 at 3 pm in the Starlite at the Union will be the general faculty meeting,

**The Non-tenure Track Standing Committee** is proposing that changes be made to the Charter and Bylaws of the General Faculty . Basically they will be making changes to reflect that full time NTT faculty will be considered voting members of the faculty at OSU as members of the general faculty. They will present these changes at the General Faculty Meeting for a vote. These changes are consistent with general faculty make up at other peer institutions. ( as a aside they are considering removing emeriti faculty from the General Faculty, since they have never voted, and the university does not have a consistent handle on who the current emeriti faculty are still here.)

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