

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 31, 2022

1:30 Emeriti Suite

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

Council Members Present: Bob LeValley, Francis Epplin, Cara Beer, Barbara Miller, Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, Mike Woods

Committee Chairs Present: None

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Minutes: The minutes of the September 26 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Ron reported that \$1000 had been awarded as scholarships at the end of August. Following a brief discussion, the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Past President's Report: Mike stated that John and Anne Veenstra are new life-time members.

President Elect Report: Gary announced that officers for the coming year had been identified and that the slate would be presented in New Business.

Vice-president for Activities: Priscilla reminded the Council that Stacy Delano and Matt Upson would represent the Stillwater Public Library at the November dinner and that the Stillwater High School choral group would provide entertainment at the December dinner. Kendria Cost, Director of Pete's Posse, is scheduled for the February gathering. Other possibilities being considered for spring dinners include Mark Blakeman (McKnight Center), John Peterson (Education), and Sarah Milligan (an oral history).

Administrative Report: At this time, 64 people have registered for the November dinner.

Other reports:

Faculty Council: Barbara's complete report appears below.

Unfinished Business:

Faculty Council Committees: It was moved (Barbara) and seconded (Ron) that Ron Thrasher be appointed to the Campus Facilities, Safety and Security Committee. The motion passed.

Membership Proposal: It was proposed at last month's meeting that members who have paid annual dues for 10 years be automatically given lifetime membership in the OSU Emeriti Association and that no further dues be assessed for these

individuals/couples. In today's meeting, it was moved (Mike Lorenz) and seconded (Priscilla) that the proposal go into effect in January, 2023. The motion passed.

35th Anniversary: It was decided that Kent, Gary, and Cara would work together to carry out the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the OSU Emeriti Association. The program will take place in September, 2023, and will include a speaker who will provide a brief summary of the association's history. Mike Lorenz suggested that President Schrum be invited to speak also. The group agreed.

2023 Schedule of Council Meetings and Monday Night Dinners: The following schedule was distributed to those in attendance:

- **Council Meetings:**

- January 30
- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- No meeting in June
- No meeting in July
- August 28
- September 25
- October 30
- November 27
- December 11 (Following a brief discussion, it was moved (Gary) and seconded (Mike Woods) that this meeting be canceled and that new officers be installed at the November 27 meeting. The motion passed.)

- **Monday Night Dinners:**

- February 6
- March 6
- April 3
- May 1 (with OLLI)
- June 5
- July 10 (pizza night)
- August 14 (pizza night)
- September 11
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4

New Business:

Slate of Officers:

- President: Gary Sherrer
- President Elect: Mike Woods
- Past President: Kent Sampson
- Secretary: Kay Keys (one-year term)
- Councilors: Gary Clark, Michael Lorenz, and Bob LeValley

Priscilla Gerfen and Ron Miller will continue as Vice-president for Activities and Treasurer, respectively. Kay Keys has agreed to extend her service as secretary for an additional year.

Mike Woods is leaving his position as councilor to become president-elect; therefore, a replacement needs to be found for this vacancy. Lou Watkins' name was suggested.

Dr. Halligan's Death: It was moved (Gary) and seconded (Carolyn) that \$100 be sent to the OSU Foundation to honor Dr. Halligan and acknowledge his support of the Emeriti Association. The money is to be taken from the checking account.

Announcements:

- The next dinner will be held in the Alumni Center at 6:00 on November 7. Meet and Greet will begin at 5:30 as usual.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:28

Kay W. Keys, Secretary

Report: October 11, 2022, Faculty Council Meeting

Submitted by Barbara Miller

Special report: **Ron Tarbutton** – Chief Facilities Officer, Updates on Facilities Management Construction Projects:

ATRC control: upgraded venting, and updated Voltage, updated Elevators.

Did demolition at **Langston U.** to two buildings (dorms) and the water tower

Morrill hall – updated heating and electric

Designs done for **Botanical Garden**

Updates to campus for undergrad visitors during “First Impressions” on Campus

Putting in new stone bridges at Theta Pond

Landscaped around Hargis Statue

Increased striping in the crosswalk between Union and Alumni Center

Erecting a display on the history of theta Pond,

Next summer planning landscaping at Engineering South

In the future plan to renovate the Library Fountain

Dr. **Randy Kløver**, entertaining visitors from Ethiopia Universities

The visitors are studying our Leadership, management and governance.

Dr. Solomon, Chief CEO of the Ministry of Education in Ethiopia, spoke. He noted that Higher Education was begun only 70 years ago in Ethiopia. The first 40 years saw only two universities begun. They now have 51 public universities, and five private universities. There is yet only space for 150,000 of 200,000 students. They have a development plan called *Ethiopia 2030, Pathway to Prosperity*. Their projects involve Access Equity, Relevance and Prosperity.

Dr Kyle Wray spoke for President Shrum. He spoke about the strategic plan, which is focusing on our mission as a Land Grant University, Teaching, Research and Extension. Another goal is to reduce student debt. They received a \$15 million grant to strengthen resistance to threats by Drone technology from the Dept. of Homeland Security.

Provost Jeannette Mendez updated on Faculty Council Proposals: The employee travel policy has finally been accepted and will be in place soon. The Land Acknowledgement Statement is now in Legal. The policy statement on Promotion and Tenure has been revised by a working group of Deans and Faculty Council Reps and Hopes to go to the Regents in December.

Dr. Todd Meisner – a National Health Assessment Survey is being worked on. This survey collects data on mental health and includes Graduate Students, Students and Faculty. The university collects the raw data and partners with the OK Dept. of Health to answer the questionnaire. When completed the University will be able to put the raw data into different groups at the university to help plan programming.

Graduate Faculty Council The group has removed the GRE requirements on coursework for several degrees. A resolution on the role of the Graduate College and Graduate Council in Graduate Faculty Membership. President Shrum and Provost Mendez accepted the resolution, which states that Graduate Council, which is chaired by the Dean of the Graduate College, is the only OSU body that has the authority to temporarily or permanently remove or revoke Graduate Faculty status and/or privileges.

Athletics Committee: The Committee expressed support for non-varsity athletes, and requested the addition of a professional trainer on Campus for these students.

Budget Committee: The group met with VP Joe Weaver to discuss competitive Faculty salaries. Joe note that salaries need to increase by 20 percent to compete with the Big 12 average, especially of salaries of Full Professors. President Shrum is working on raising the salaries. He added that we need to increase salaries by 6.2 % for three years to reach averages of Big 12. The group recommended reinstating a salary increase of \$5000 for successful five year Cumulative reviews.

No new business or old business, meeting adjourned.