

OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2022

1:30 Emeriti Suite

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

Council Members Present: Gerald Stangl, Carolyn Gang, Ray Huhnke, Mike Woods

Committee Chairs Present: Clem Ward

Emeriti Support Present: Sofia Gustafson

Minutes: It was moved (Gary) and seconded (Gerald) that the minutes of the August 29 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In Ron's absence, Kent distributed the treasurer's report. Following a brief discussion, it was moved (Mike Lorenz) and seconded (Carolyn) that the report be received. The motion passed.

Past President's Report: Mike stated that two new life-time memberships (Ronald and Angela Delahoussaye and Ronald and Connie Thrasher) had been received. The list of recent retirees has been received. Once HR provides addresses, packets will be stuffed and sent to the provost's office for mailing.

Vice-president for Activities: Priscilla announced that speakers had been secured for all dinners through December. Dr. Kluver will speak at the October 3 meeting, and Stacy Delano and Matt Upson will represent the Stillwater Public Library at the November dinner. The Stillwater High School choral group is scheduled to provide entertainment in December.

Catering: Clem reported that the feedback from members on the last dinner had been good. However, he informed the Council that he had felt somewhat deceived by Freddie Paul's as the meal turned out to be much more expensive than he had anticipated. The dessert cookies were an extra \$3.00 each, and a catering fee of \$200 had been added to the bill. The total cost per person was \$22 to \$23, making this the most expensive meal ever served. Celebrations and Rib Crib will provide meals at the October and November gatherings.

Administrative Report: At this time, 50 people have reserved for the October dinner.

Other reports:

Faculty Council: In Barbara's absence, Kent distributed a written report from Barbara. The complete report appears below.

Emeriti Travel: Kent provided a brief update on the Pawhuska/Ponca City trip. Thirteen have registered to date; seven more are needed for the trip to make.

Unfinished Business:

Faculty Council Committees: Kent announced that a replacement needs to be found for Darrel Nord on the Campus Facilities, Safety and Security Committee. Trish has sent emails to those assigned to the other nine committees to ensure their willingness to serve the remainder of their terms, which end in May, 2023. (These appointments run on an academic rather than a calendar year.)

Mentor Orientation: Orientation for those who have expressed an interest in mentoring undergraduate students will be held at 6:30 on Monday, September 26, in 470b Student Union. Josh Taylor will conduct the training.

35th Anniversary: At the suggestion of Mike Lorenz, the council agreed to arrange for a speaker to provide a brief summary of the Emeriti Association at the September, 2023, dinner. To add a celebratory feel to the evening, a favorite caterer will be used and tables will be decorated.

New Business: Mike Lorenz (Membership Committee) made a recommendation for a new membership classification to be effective January 1, 2023. The proposal grew out of an idea put forward by Directory Chair Zane Quible and reads as follows:

Lifetime Membership: Members who have paid annual dues for 10 years will automatically become lifetime members of the OSU Emeriti Association. No further dues will be assessed for these members.

Rationale: Several members have paid annual membership dues for several years, paying \$25 or \$35 yearly. Most have paid total annual dues that exceed the cost of lifetime membership (\$200 individual and \$250 couple). This proposal would reward members for continuing to pay dues for 20 years and would serve as an incentive to continue membership. New members would still have a financial incentive to join as lifetime members since this cost would be less than paying annual dues for 10 years.

This proposal has little financial impact on the association's annual budget since receipt of annual dues is a miniscule part of the annual budget.

It was moved (Gary) and seconded (Gerald) that the proposal be presented to the general membership at the October 3 dinner. The motion passed.

Announcements:

- The next dinner will be held in the Alumni Center at 6:00 on October 3. Meet and Greet will begin at 5:30 as usual.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:28

Kay W. Keys, Secretary

Report: September 22 Faculty Council Meeting

Submitted by Barbara Miller

Gina Peek, Asoc. Dean for Extension, Engagement and Continuing Education, is the United Way Chair this year, and gave a presentation on this year's campaign. OSU's goal is \$250,000 this year, and Stillwater's goal is a million dollars. She also indicated that United Way impacts over 73,000 people per year in the Stillwater area.

President's report: President Shrumm thanked all those who attended her inauguration. She was so pleased and grateful to see so many faculty, students and staff attend.

Final enrollment totals included 4643 new freshman and other undergraduates, 11 percent increase in STEM majors, 7 percent increase in first generation to attend college, and an 84 percent retention rate, up from last year. Total enrollment was 25,359 students on this campus, up 700 from last year.

Last week campus took part in an *Inspire Orange* program, to inform principals and counselors from schools around Oklahoma on OSU programming and policies.

She reminded everyone that the New York Philharmonic will be here at the McKnight center, especially excited that OSU choirs will provide the vocals for Beethoven's 9th Symphony, a wonderful chance for the students to work with a professional orchestra.

She also noted that Garth Brooks will return to campus, to talk about success. Tentative date is October 25th.

The Oklahoma Aerospace Institute for Aeronautical Education has provided OSU with a multimillion dollar grant to advance research and development, including launchpad research and drone capabilities.

Oklahoma and Arkansas will begin research to advance research mobility across state lines, with cooperative grants.

Burns Hargis' statue was unveiled on campus plus Anne Hargis has had the orange grove named after her and the Pete's Posse work.

A \$60 million higher education grant has been granted to encourage concurrent enrollment in STEM fields and STEM scholarships.

The College of Vet Med has a 1.5 million dollar grant for their animal diagnostic clinic.

Provost report – The Covid Task Force reports booster shots are available at the Department of Health.

No permanent passage of last year's bills yet:

The travel bill is at the Board of Regents so close to passing.

The Land Acknowledgement Statement passed the Deans, but they revised, so Legal now has the new document.

The Promotion and Tenure bill has had many revisions, and there are working groups revising various parts.

Vice President for Research reports a great deal of grant activity. Last year in Sept. OSU had over \$10 million in new grants, this past August OSU had over \$11 million in new grants.

Hot topics getting funded include Technical innovation products, regional engineering projects, and integrated statewide engineering projects.

There are new federal security measures for grant money coming up from the White House. The Dean will work with the Research Committee on data security, travel, and physical security to ensure they are part of the OSU Strategic Plan.

Faculty Council Chair – She attended the Inauguration, where the President spoke with insight about OSU – recognizing world class Faculty.

The Fall general faculty meeting will be September 29 at 3 pm in the Starlight Terrace. Food will be included! The Strategic Plan will be discussed in detail.

Standing Committees are beginning meetings.

Report, Faculty Committee met on the 15th of Sept. They will use Canvas to collect working papers and other documents. Meetings will be first Monday of each month at 11 a.m.

Karen Neurohr, Faculty Council Secretary, reported on the Distinguished Faculty Awards, and that there were faculty receiving awards who were graduated in the 50s, 60s and 80s!