OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 25, 2013  

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Bertholf, Geneva Dugger  

COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Andrea Arquitt, Bob Criswell, Bob Terry, Clem Ward, David Lewis, Glade Presnal, Judy Lewis, Pat Murphy, Sharon Brown, Vicky Sturgeon, Zane Quible.  

ALSO Present: Adeana Sallee  

President Dennis Bertholf called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., November 25, 2013. The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes were accepted as published. Treasurer Geneva Dugger reported a checkbook balance of $10,952.71. The report was accepted.  

STANDING COMMITTEES – Dennis Bertholf  
COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER – Vicky Sturgeon reported they are working on the Newsletter so it will be ready to be sent out with the Directory.  
EMERITI AMBASSADORS/ALUMNI RELATIONS – Sharon Brown reported everyone had fun last Saturday before the game and expressed the thanks of the Alumni staff for our help. Sharon also passed out a sign-up sheet for usher volunteers for graduation on December 7th.  
PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Dennis approved the sending of the announcement from HR about Retirement Investment Focus Group. He received a thank you from Nathan Walker for running the announcement about the Shotgun Sports Club.  
FACULTY COUNCIL – Dennis reported Wellness Officer, Susy Harrington, spoke on wellness is more than physical fitness. It involves nutrition, preventative medicine and life style choices. She also talked about banning vapor cigarettes on campus. Coordinator of Student Disability Services, Isabel Keiser talked about the types of disabilities and accommodations provided. Of those active through their office this fall 87 were ADD/HD, 87 LD, 125 Medical and 42 Psychological. A Safe Walk Program from 7pm – 3am has trained students who will carry a walkie-talkie but not armed and will walk people between on campus areas. They also are used to check doors and provide eyes for the police on campus. They have uniforms and are paid. Richard Krysiak – OSU Energy Programs started in 2007 has saved $30 M. Our program is used as a model for the state wide program. They have kept utility costs flat for 3.5 years, even though we have added square footage due to behavioral changes, and technology changes. President Hargis – Also reported on the Energy Savings Program. Looks for a flat State appropriation. Nagging problem in retention. (Looking at it financially). Priorities are to add faculty, increase GA stipends, more advisors. (Dennis had to leave and didn’t hear the discussion on the work load policy or RPT documents.)  

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Dave Lewis reported that he has not secured a President-Elect or Vice-President for Activities yet. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Monday Night Dinner and then have an election for those committed to serving next year. A discussion followed on ways the Council could be more visible. Possibly the President doing the meeting on Monday Nights. There was a question about the campus committees that do not have a report at Council meetings and it was reported some committees do not notify members of the meeting, some are restricted by their by-laws as to who can attend and some do not meet very often. Feedback from committees having Emeriti members is that they have good historical information.
STANDING COMMITTEES – Pat Murphy, President Elect will start a self assessment of Emeriti in January and will address some of the concerns of the council.

ACTIVITIES – The Monday Night Dinner is at Meditations on December 2nd with Dana Ayers and about 20 members of the choral to sing for us. In January the Emeriti Ambassadors will be recognized, Larry Shell will be given a Life Time membership in the Emeriti and Chris Batchelder will talk about what is going on in the Alumni Association. Dennis has contacted Joseppi’s about catering the dinner, but has not confirmed it yet.

EMERITI SUITE – Judy Lewis reported that all the soft drinks and water have been taken from the refrigerator and if anyone using the room uses them, they need to notify her so they can be replaced for Meet and Greet.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS –

TECHNOLOGY – Glade Presnal reported they continue to have good meetings and a steady attendance. On December 11th the meeting will be about passwords and how to safely store them. The group meets at 1:30 pm in 106A Classroom.

INVESTMENT – Dennis said there is one person interested in joining.

MAKING THE MOST OF RETIREMENT – Zane Quible reported Toni Wolfe from Primrose, speaker at the November meeting, has invited the group to tour Primrose on January 16th at 1:30. Refreshments will be served. Steve Norman from Edward R. Jones will be the speaker on December 18th discussing factors to consider when buying stocks. January 15th Louise Schroeder will give the program on Financial Planning for the Aging. All the programs have been planned thru June; there will be no meetings during July and August. Zane also gave an update on the website: at temp-emeriti@okstate.edu. Good progress is being made and it will include:

- Bob Hendrickson’s history of the organization
- President’s reports from ’06 to present will be included
- Minutes
- Obituaries
- Newsletters
- Updates

Most of the information will be in word documents and then converted to PDF. Zane asked members to look at it and give him comment and suggestions.

FACULTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICIES – from Dennis – Beaulah Hirschlein The AS&P Committee will be meeting at approximately the same time across campus again. This month we have been asked to review the General Education Report. Last month we were updated on the university’s gradual movement to online student evaluations of faculty and courses. If any of our members have concerns of these or other academic issues, please contact Dennis.

BUDGET – Andrea Arquitt reported the committee has bee asked to review Block Tuition Proposal. She strongly recommends not doing it. It won’t save the University the 6.2 million projected because the students can pay for 15 courses, but bank some and take 12, then take the remainder during intersession. There is a question of having enough courses in an elective to take.

CAMPUS FACILITIES, SAFETY, AND SECURITY – Jim Criswell reported many buildings are now not considered a Tornado Shelter and may not be open in the event of a tornado.

RESEARCH – Dave Lewis – Topics discussed were:
- Opportunities for undergraduate research and the possibility of senior theses
- Physical plant charges
- USD report on alleged violations of the Animal Welfare Act
At the November 20th meeting the committee met with Dr. Joshua Ward, Director of Scholar Development and Undergraduate Research to gain understanding of the potential of this office to support the undergraduate research. There was no conclusion to the discussion. The committee reviewed and discussed some of the implications of the following reports:

- Faculty retention data
- The current “OSU Research Report”
- The revised “OSU Laser Policy”

The Research Committee is forwarding a recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council that the interests of Faculty were well represented in the preparation of the Policy and that no further action by the Faculty Council is necessary. At future meetings the Committee will meet with Joe Weaver to discuss the means by which Physical Plant charges are determined; and Ken Bartels, Chairman Laser Surgery, College of Veterinary Sciences, to discuss the implications of the violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE – Andrea Arquitt – the fall semester has ended. A Fund Raising is planned for spring to match the OSHER Challenge of $50,000 and will need to get the number up to 1000 again.

WHITE WOODS RETIREMENT CAMPUS – For Ron Beer, Dennis reported 60 units have been sold and they need 103 to begin building. John Harned continues to work on all the issues.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Glade Presnal suggested Dennis write a letter from the Emeriti thanking for the use of the Colvin Center.
- Adeana Sallee needs info for the Update by this Wednesday.
- It was moved and seconded that we present Dana Ayers a check for $100 at the Monday Night Dinner to purchase music for the Chorale. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48.

Judy Lewis, substituting for Betty Rutledge