OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October, 28, 2013

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Bertholf, Geneva Dugger, Betty Rutledge

COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT: Sharon Brown, David Lewis, Judy Lewis, Charles Lieder, Glade Presnal, Zane Quible, Vicky Sturgeon, Bob Terry, Clem Ward

ALSO PRESENT: Adeana Sallee

President Dennis Bertholf called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013. Geneva Dugger moved the agenda be accepted as presented; seconded and passed. The minutes were approved after two corrections: 1) Kay Murphy is continuing on Emeriti committee—not leaving it as reported; and 2) in Dave Lewis’ report, the committee person being replaced is John Baird. Treasurer Geneva Dugger reported a check book balance of $10,887.84. Judy Lewis moved the treasurer’s report be accepted; seconded and passed.

STANDING COMMITTEES – Dennis Bertholf
COMMUNICATIONS - Vicky Sturgeon reported that the Newsletter is out. She stated that Zane and the Stillwater Public Library are doing a good job of advertising Zane’s seminars, “Making The Most of Retirement.” Adeana Sallee said that Brenda Masters now has a graduate student who will be (hopefully) getting the Emeriti website up and running. Zane is meeting with Brenda and the student this week.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Dennis said the leader of the Skeet Shooting Club has contacted him looking for volunteers to assist and travel with the club.

FACULTY COUNCIL – Dennis reported that Larry Shell gave a report on the Alumni Association, showing 100 plus chapters across the country, hosting over 700 events. The Alumni Association receives a cut from the sale of OSU car tags. President Hargis reported student applications at this time are ahead of last year. Over the last few years, we have doubled minority enrollment. The President’s fund raising campaign has gotten 90,000 new donors. Faculty who get support from donors are asked to keep in contact with and keep them informed on your projects. The Dean of Arts and Sciences has asked the OSU not sell hunting leases on Lake Carl Blackwell since some of it is used for research. Vice President Weaver said that leases will not be sold in the future, but had already been sold this year. Ron Beer has been appointed as the new OSU Ombudsman and will report directly to President Hargis.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Dave Lewis is still working on getting nominees for next year. Althea Wright will fill John Baird’s position. Let Dave know if you have suggestions.

STANDING COMMITTEES – Pat Murphy, President Elect
BENEFITS, LEGISLATION, OREA – Dennis Bertholf said they are dealing with the same problems as last year.
ACTIVITIES:
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:
TECHNOLOGY – Glade Presnal reported there is good attendance at the meetings (2nd Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.). You do not have to join—just come.
MAKING THE MOST OF RETIREMENT- Zane Quible said that on November 20, Toni Wolfe from Primrose Retirement Center will be the presenter telling of the features and services. There may be a tour of Primrose in January, 2014. The speaker at the December meeting will be Steve Norman, Edward Jones consultant, talking on the factors to evaluate in determining whether to purchase a stock. January, 2014 speaker will be Louise Schroeder on financial planning for successful aging.
TRAVEL – Denis reported that Jack Stout needs reservations/money for the December Branson trip by November 5th.

REPRESENTATIVES TO AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS:
UNIVERSITY WIDE COMMITTEES: ATHLETIC COUNCIL – Glade Presnal reported that the indoor tennis courts will be ready by December or January. Following the SI negative report on OSU, the university has hired an investigator who will give a report in January.
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Dennis reported he needs a person to fill that slot.

FACULTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES:
ATHLETICS – Dennis said that Marilyn Middlebrook made a presentation on the Academic Progress Rate. The committee is going to see if they can cooperate with the academic committee to conduct some exit interviews with student athletes.
CAMPUS FACILITIES, SAFETY, AND SECURITY – Dennis reported for Jim Criswell that the issue of minors intermingling with adults on campus during camps and other activities was raised and they have been told it has been handled and that there is a policy. There is a concern about the crosswalks on Monroe Street. These are identified by different colored bricks; however, people often do not recognize the crosswalks and are not stopping for pedestrians. The question about tornado shelters on campus was raised. OSU campus does not have any structure that meet FEMA’s designation, although we do have refuges or safe areas (basements). A concern is that there are few police officers on duty at night to be available to open, monitor, and close the facilities. The cost of building a FEMA designated tornado shelter for student housing was $4.5 million—these will not be built. Tailgating was on the agenda. Driving on turf area is at issue. Concerns over students riding the Big Orange Bus to and from Tulsa was raised. Issue is that faculty can ride the bus free (if seats are available). Students, to guarantee a seat must pay $7.00 one way and must pay a month in advance. BOB’s 7 am and 7:45 am departures from Tulsa are almost always full. Tom Jordan will look into this matter.

RETIREMENT AND FRINGE BENEFITS – Bob Terry said that the committee will be meeting tomorrow. The meeting on October 23rd with TIAA-CREF and the Human Relations Department was praised.

OLD BUSINESS: Dennis, Pat, and Sharon will meet with Patty from the Alumni Center following this meeting to discuss the Alumni Association’s use of our office.
NEW BUSINESS: Dennis told of receiving a request from Stillwater Public Education Foundation Board asking him to share information about their campaign to raise money for purchase of document cameras and projectors for all classrooms that need this technology. The Council decided that we don’t make concessions for special interest groups. Bob Terry moved that we present the Williams family (the entertainment for the November Monday Night Dinner) with $25.00; seconded and passed.

FUTURE DATES:
Emeriti Dinner – November 4, 2013
Council Meeting – November 25, 2013

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary