OSU EMERITI ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 30, 2013

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS AT-LARGE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:
Sharon Brown, David Lewis, Pat Murphy, Sharon Nivens, Vicky Sturgeon, Bob Terry, Clem Ward

ALSO PRESENT: Adeana Sallee

President Dennis Bertholf called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Clem Ward made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; seconded and passed. Clem Ward made a motion the August minutes be accepted as presented; seconded and passed. Treasurer Geneva Dugger presented the treasurer’s report indicating we have a checking account balance of $11,212.82; Bob Terry moved the report be accepted; seconded and approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES – DENNIS BERTHOLF, PRESIDENT
Communications/Newsletter – Vicky Sturgeon reported on the Newsletter, asking that articles and photographs for the Newsletter be sent to Adeana Sallee as soon the event happens. She can store them until ready to print. There was good publicity on the last Retirement Seminar.
Emeriti Ambassadors/Alumni Relations – Sharon Brown had lunch with members of the Alumni Center staff and they expressed an interest in honoring the Ambassadors at a Monday Night Dinner. It was suggested Chris Batchelder, the new Alumni Center Director, and Larry Shell, retiring Alumni Center Director, could be honored at the same dinner. Sharon will check with the Alumni Center staff to see if the January 2014 meeting would be acceptable for them. Sharon also circulated a sheet for members to sign up to help with game days.
Faculty Council – Dennis Bertholf reported that Marilyn Middlebrook talked about the Academic Services for student athletes. Marilyn said they do eligibility tracking, but not NCAA certification. They do admissions assistance by meeting with all new recruits. Personal counseling is available but not professional counselors; and, they provide career advising, secondary academic advising, and provide one to one and group tutoring. The athletes have no required study halls. Another report was by Dan Chaney concerning open source textbooks. An open textbook is a “textbook” licensed under an open copyright license (meaning students and instructors can access, use, share them, frequently using Creative Commons licenses and made available online). The material can be just as good as other textbooks, with an added bonus that instructors can easily create an edited version of the book specifically for their course. Faculty Council also made a minor change in the number of credit hours to be taken in residence at OSU for a minor.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT – DAVE LEWIS, PAST PRESIDENT
Dave is working on nominations for the 2014 Council. Councilors who need to be replaced are Margaret Scott, Russell Wright, and Dave Lewis. Dave has a list of prospective representatives that he working from.

STANDING COMMITTEES - PAT MURPHY, PRESIDENT ELECT
Archives/History – Kay Murphy is not interested in continuing in this position. The archives at the OSU Library are up to date.
Benefits/Legislation, OREA – Dennis said that OREA goals haven’t changed much from previous years except for the move last year to consolidate all the retirement systems boards; can’t consolidate the funding. OREA is against this measure.
Membership Committee – Sharon Nivens reported there are two new members.
ACTIVITIES
Travel – Dennis reported that the Texas trip could not be done as scheduled, but may try to reschedule it for late January or early February. The Branson trip for December 3-5 is still on tap.

FACULTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Academic Standards and Policies – Dennis has appointed Beulah Hirschlein to this committee.
Athletics – Dennis reported for Glade Presnal that the meeting dealt with academic matters. They will be looking at the policy for makeups.
Faculty – Dennis reported that Ken Bell has been reappointed to the Faculty Committee Emeriti representative. At the September meeting, they discussed the responses of the Deans’ Council to the proposed new policy statements on faculty workload and the Retention Promotion, and Tenure procedures. Small changes to the wording were suggested and members concurred.
Retirement and Fringe Benefits – Bob Terry reminded those present of the October 23rd Emeriti meeting with officials from Human Relations and urged us to encourage others to attend. The committee is still pursuing the possibility of fee waivers for spouses and children. Clem Ward stated that other universities have this policy. Bob said that there may be a need to educate faculty and staff as to what is available for retirement.

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE – Adeana Sallee reported that 500 have signed up for the October OLLI classes.

OLD BUSINESS:
Again reminded of the October 23rd Emeriti meeting with HR. The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center.
We will continue to have the new member table through the end of the year at the Monday Night Dinners, as a method of encouraging new members to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:
Sharon Brown reported that the office staff have asked if the Alumni Association could use our office space, at times we are not using it, for some students they hire. All were in agreement that there should be no problem with that. Sharon will report this to Patti and ask that she contact Dennis, at which time action will be taken.

Future Dates:
Emeriti Dinner – October 7, 2013
Council Meeting – October 28, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Rutledge, Secretary