OSU Emeriti Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 26, 2019

1:30 p.m., Emeriti Council Room, Alumni Center

Executive Committee Members Present: Sharon Nivens, Mike Lorenz, Anne Matoy, Faye Ann Presnal, Kay Keys, Ron Elliott

Council Members Present: Jack Dillwith, Althea Wright, Doug Aichele, Bob Wetteman, Tana Rutan, Gladeen Allred, Barbara Miller, Jim Halligan,

Committee Chairs Present: Glade Presnal, Zane Quible

Agenda:

With one minor change in order, the agenda was approved.

Council Minutes:

Due to severe weather, the Council did not meet in May. Therefore, there were no minutes to approve.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer presented May, June, and July reports. All were received as presented.

Reports and Updates:

Interest Groups

Zane reported that those attending the small interest groups were, in many cases, those not active in other Emeriti events. He was encouraged to move forward with additional groups.

Zane’s report led to a brief discussion regarding the need for recruitment at OLLI. Emeriti brochures will be available at OLLI classes, which run from October 3 through November 7. Also noted was the fact that the OLLI office has moved to Human Sciences.

President-elect Update

Mike reported that letters had been sent to new retirees. Randi Eldevik, Ed Noltensmeyer, and his wife, Carolyn Gang, have joined. The Council voted to accept Bobbi Aupperle, whose two children graduated from OSU, for membership.

Vice-president Activities Update

See attached report. (In addition to the activities referenced in the report, Faye Ann informed the group that Clem had coordinated two informal activities at the Hideaway during the summer. She also mentioned that 30 members, sporting hard hats and safety vests, had toured the McKnight Center. Feedback was positive.)
Faculty Council

Barbara conveyed the following information:

- Dr. Doug Hallenbeck, vice-president of Student Affairs reported that a strategic plan had been developed. He wants to be responsive to students and help them develop a global perspective. He believes that wisdom is achieved by listening to different points of view.
- Christie Hawkins reported that the retention rate was increasing. She also reported that 30% of freshmen were receiving Pell Grants and that the number of women enrolled in engineering had doubled in the last ten years. Thanks to a new data base, retention and graduation rates can now be determined with a number of variables. The data base will be used for predictive modeling.
- Chris Ornsby reported that there was a new website on which faculty members can post their syllabi. She also reported that this year’s freshman class was the third largest ever, but that the total number of students was declining due to better graduation rates.
- Gary Sandefur (for Hargis) informed the group that Pam Frye, provost at the Tulsa campus, was 100% in that position. Jeanette Mendez is the new assistant provost on the Stillwater campus.
- Governor Stitt has asked for ideas for partnering with industry. He wants to help OSU increase its national exposure and ranking.
- The General Faculty Meeting will take place on September 24 in the McKnight Center.

Dinner at Willham House

Sharon announced that Council members should have received an invitation to the September 16 dinner with President and Mrs. Hargis. She will find out and report back on the format for the dinner. She has delayed sending the results of Clem’s faculty survey and plans to send them in a letter before the dinner. The letter will also include information such as membership numbers and scholarship updates. The hope is that the letter will generate meaningful discussion.

Other:

The 2018 financial review was completed on March 10. Dennis Bertholf and Kent Olson found the records to be in order and commended Ron for his stewardship of association funds. They did not review the Foundation accounts as the Foundation has their accounts reviewed regularly. It was moved (Mike) and seconded (Doug) that the review be accepted. The motion passed.

Anne announced that Althea, Jack, and Dolores would be rotating off the board at the end of the year. She added that we would also need a new president-elect. A brief discussion yielded potential candidates for these positions.

The next meeting will be September 30.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted by Kay W. Keys