Minutes of the Emeriti Board Meeting November 3, 2014
12:00-1:50 Eighth Floor Dining Room, FC

Present: Bert Huether, Ron Huston, Bob Faaborg, Cora Ogle, Peter Suranyi, Rich Miller, Gene Lewis, David Meyer, Brenda LeMaster, David Lee Smith

Absent: Nancy Hamant, Henry Fenichel, Lynn Davis, Bruce Goetzman, Barb Macke

Action items in Blue

I. Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2014 mtg.
   Minutes approved as distributed.

II. Comments from Bert
   a. Future Board meetings
      i. It was agreed that beginning in January, the dates of the meetings will be the second Mondays of the month, at Noon. Thus, the next meeting will be January 12, 2015.
      ii. It was agreed we will have a quasi-meeting on December 10 (Wed), at the Cincinnati Country Club, starting at Noon. Currently Bob, Bert, Gene and Cora have indicated attendance. The rest need to communicate their attendance to Cora by Dec 8: ogleck@ucmail.uc.edu
   b. New Emeriti Dinner set for May 14, 2015
   c. No date specified as yet for President’s reception for Emeriti—Bert will contact Larry Lampe again.
   d. Status of FS approving Uniform Policy for Emeritus status—Tracy has indicated she will let us know when the Academic Affairs Committee has made a recommendation.
   e. Status of Emeritus rep to Library Advisory Council—Christa has not yet indicated who will represent the Emeriti, but recommendations have been made.
   f. Response to Email 8—Bert indicated for the first time, he received zero responses to this email, in contrast to the previous emails.
   g. My accepting an invitation to join AROHE Board—Bert indicated, with Provost office support, he has accepted a position on the AROHE Board beginning January 1, 2015. There was a rousing ovation by the Board for AROHE having made such an excellent choice.
   h. Budget for FY2016—adjustments, and when to submit? Bert requested that anyone with suggestions for the FY2016 budget submit them to him soon, since the budget proposal will be submitted to the Provost office over the next month.

III. Comments from Rich
Rich stated a number of personnel changes have occurred within the Provost office, but that Jourdan will remain our primary contact. He also said the monthly letters to new Emeriti are continuing to go out, that three new Dean searches are underway (Clermont, Law, and A & S), and that there may be greater numbers of retirees this year due to STRS changes in benefits. The initial term appointment for the new A & S Dean will be three years.

IV. Comments from Fac Sen rep—Bob

The latest FS mtg was on the Blue Ash campus, and was well attended. President Ono spoke, and emphasized his intent to separate the VP for Health Affairs and the CoM Dean into two individual positions. He also indicated a renewed emphasis on research within the Division of Health Affairs, and a desire to increase both the interdisciplinary, and international, activities of the university.

Data on faculty were also presented: 25% of faculty are currently >65; of a total of approximately 2300 faculty, 1200 are tenured or tenure-track, and 1100 are non-tenure track. Approximately 1700 of these are in the collective bargaining unit, with about 60% of these tenured.

Bob announced that he had been asked to serve on the Life of the Mind speaker series committee.

V. Committee on UG Research Mentorships—Gene

a. Current Status

Gene indicated the committee has extended the current deadline for submission of proposals for the spring semester pilot program, and that he was aware that at least one proposal—from Wayne Hall and Bert, would be forthcoming.

Suggested changes for next year’s program are greater PR, and include STEMM on an equal footing with humanities and social science.

It was decided that a flyer would be developed by Gene and Bert to be included in all future letters from the Provost office to new Emeriti. This will describe the program, and hopefully increase new Emeriti involvement. Gene will develop a draft.

This flyer should also be shared with Sue Ratto, so she too can be encouraging new Emeriti to participate.

b. Data requested from Bill Ball on Emeriti research using M #s—Barb

Bert indicated Ruthie Hoffman in HR has been able to provide a list of M numbers of Emeriti, and this has been submitted to the Division of Research in hopes of determining which Emeriti are remaining active in research.

VI. Committee on Transitions to Retirement—Henry

Bert indicated this committee is now schedule to meet soon to begin formal activities.
VII. Committee on City Tour for New Faculty—David Lee/Bruce
Best time for tour: New Faculty Institute help, and survey—Brenda
Rich is available as a conduit to the New Faculty Institute for help in determining
the best time for next year’s bus tour, but more information may be available
from Brenda Browning in CETL. Brenda indicated she will contact Brenda Browning, and ask for help in receiving feedback from those attending the
new Faculty Orientation.

VIII. Ongoing items:
  a. Bridge tournament January 23—Peter asked that the form for signing up
for the bridge tournament be attached to the next email to Emeriti, and
Bert indicated he will do so. That email will go out soon after
Thanksgiving.
  b. Collection of data on Emeriti activities thru JOT form for PR use—
Brenda/Barb—Brenda indicated she and Barb have a current list of
questions to be sent to Emeriti, and that she will send it to the Emeriti
Board. Additionally, David Lee suggested questions should be included on
what interest Emeriti have in the Speaker Series, and what suggestions
they have for additional Emeriti activities.
  c. Financial Literacy for Faculty—working with Erin Ascher/Sue Ratto—
Bert indicated he and Sue are going to attend the next OCHER mtg
together, and this will be a topic of conversation during that trip. They
will also make a recommendation to Erin on the best individual to
represent UC at these mtgs. And they will explore further the interest of
non-Emeriti retirees in having their own retirement organization to work
collaboratively with Emeriti.
  d. Speaker Series Seminars—potential collaboration with FC—need for
oversight committee—Bert indicated the FC has currently put
involvement in a Speaker Series on hold, so we are on our own presently.
While interest remains in the Speaker Series, David Lee suggested other
activities may be of even more interest to the Emeriti. He suggested a
Behind the Scene look at the Zoo with Thane, or other such activities.
There was general agreement in pursuing this idea.
  Bert also reminded the Board of ideas for Legacy Projects that came
from the AROHE conference, and there was also agreement in pursuing
these.
  These topics will be discussed further at the meeting on December 10.

IX. New Business

Bert obtained data from UCF regarding Emeriti giving for FY14 (July 1, 2013 to
June 30, 2014). They have a total of 872 living Emeriti (and over 400 deceased!).
Of the living, 676 live in Greater Cincinnati (80%). (These data are roughly
consistent with the information from Directory Services). A total of 240 Emeriti
gave to UCF last year, 210 of them in the Greater Cincinnati area. Thus, 31%
living here gave, while 15% of those living elsewhere gave. The total giving was $1,003,000, down from the earlier data showing $1.6 million average for the previous eight years (FY05-FY13). However, that time period showed three Emeriti giving a total of $6,528,000, so annual fluctuations are heavily dependent upon individual giving of large gifts.