

**Minutes of the Emeriti Board Meeting April 13, 2015  
12:00-1:40 Eighth Floor Dining Room, FC**

**Present:** Bob Brackenbury, John Alexander, Bob Faaborg, Wayne Hall, Steve Howe, Bert Huether, Ron Huston, Peter Suranyi, Rich Miller, Gene Lewis, Laura Kretschmer, Pat Mezinskis, David Lee Smith, Lynn Davis, Cora Ogle, McCrystle Wood, Beverly Davenport

**Absent:** Dave Meyer, Henry Fenichel, Nancy Hamant, Bruce Goetzman, Karen Monzel, Frank Tepe

I. Beverly had anticipated coming at noon, but was able to join us at 12:50 and stay until 1:30. Meanwhile, the Board discussed the following until she arrived.

**II. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2014 mtg.**

Bert indicated he would take out of the previous minutes the following item listed as “**III D:** Bert announced he is taking a free vacation on the Emeriti Budget next month.” He expressed chagrin that no member present had caught that, but there was surprisingly little remorse expressed! None-the-less, Bert will remain resolute in wanting good minutes, even if no one reads them! Minutes were otherwise approved as distributed.

**Action items in blue**

**III. Comments from Bert**

**A.** Attila Kilinc gave a strong presentation on Earthquakes and Volcano’s at our recent luncheon speaker.

**B.** Approx. 80 reservations were made for the President’s reception for Emeriti, with 24 reservations not showing. The President had some very nice comments for Emeriti, and was impressed with some of the data from Bert on how Emeriti contribute to UC in research and development.

**C. Survey of Emeriti activities at UC**

**i.** Bert shared some of the data summary from the survey of Emeriti. A total of 145 responded. These data are attached in electronic form (for those not present) even tho handed out at the mtg,

**ii.** Peter and Laura have agreed to analyze the last question asking for suggestions for further Emeriti activities. They will present these at the next Board mtg.

**D.** The national Board of AROHE continues to work on submission of a grant proposal to obtain significant increase in funding for the national office. The

UC Foundation (Tom Seddon as Dir of Foudnations) has been willing to help on this, and it appears we will pursue the Bernard Osher and Mellon Foundations for potential funding, with some modest amount of funding also requested for UC to continue our efforts.

- E.** Melinda Rhoades as Dir of CETL, and one who oversees the New Faculty Orientation is leaving UC as of May 1 to join her husband in Columbus. Brenda Browning will oversee the Orientation, and will likely add the Bus Tour we started last year for the afternoon of the second day of orientation in August. A better turnout is much more likely with this new arrangement.
- F.** **Please remember the annual meeting of the Emeriti Assoc is May 21, 11:30-1:30, with a free lunch provided. Eighth floor of the Faculty Club**

#### **IV. Comments from Rich Miller**

There was discussion of the three graduation ceremonies, and the desire to have more faculty represented, particularly now they are on stage during the ceremony. **It was recommended the Provost office send an invitation to Emeriti thru the Listserve, and Rich indicated he will see that this is done in the future.**

#### **V. Comments from Bob Faaborg, Faculty Senate Representative**

- A.** The March and April meetings of the FS were held at UC Blue Ash and CoM in an effort to diversify locations.
- B.** The university is beginning another capital campaign, this one targeting \$1.3 Billion. Some FS reps expressed their disappointment that no input to priorities for these funds was solicited from the FS.
- C.** The president spent some time in his remarks praising the contributions of the Emeriti to the university, using some of the data presented at the President's reception.
- D.** There is an increase in reporting requirements on students receiving Pell Grants, since too many students are apparently taking the money, but not attending classes, not necessarily here, but nationally. Thus, faculty will now be required to submit a report indicating how often students come to class.
- E.** There are currently searches for a Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs (Kristi Nelson's position, which Rich currently holds), Senior Associate Vice President for Informational Technology, Asst Director of CETL (2 positions), Chief HR officer, Vice President for Finance, and Vice President for Research.
- F.** Faculty morale issues were brought up by Faculty Senators to Provost Davenport, who seemed receptive to faculty concerns.
- G.** The All University Faculty Mtg is Thur, April 23, 3:00-5:00, TUC

**VI.** Provost Davenport arrived. Introductions were made by all present. In response to how Emeriti might increase their activities and support for UC:

- A.** Beverly indicated two universities in Botswana are in “desperate” need of help in almost any area of teaching, research, and administration. She has been to Botswana twice, and has had three other international trips over the past year. Beverly was asked more specifically how we might help, and her response included teaching short courses of perhaps 2-3 weeks length, helping develop research projects, and perhaps having graduate students join the effort as TAs. She indicated Raj Mehta as Dir of International Activities for UC would be in contact with more details.
- B.** Beverly indicated “25%” of UC faculty is eligible to retire (we failed to ask how this is defined). Thus, she was particularly interested to learn about the OSU Emeritus Academy, and the Academic Academy at Johns Hopkins, both of which are aimed at encouraging productive senior faculty to retire, and continue their productivity in retirement. Beverly requested more information regarding these two academies. Bert also indicated there are Emeritus Colleges around the country who also provide incentives for encouraging faculty retirement, but also do considerably more in getting retirees to continue their university contributions. **He indicated information would be sent to Beverly.**
- C.** In response to a question from Ron on a “Faculty Center”, Beverly indicated the old YMCA is being carefully considered for such a center. Renovation costs are currently estimated to be approx. \$7 million, and Beth McGrew has a plan to add a parking garage and additional inside space for another \$8 million.

Beverly had to leave after 40 minutes of lively discussion.

The Board continued to meet for another ten minutes, with Wayne indicating the work on Transitions to Retirement would continue during most of the summer.

Submitted by:

Bert Huether