

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
January 7, 2015, Council Meeting Minutes

Ralph Fidler, Co-President

1. Call to Order

Co-President Ralph Fidler called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., in Campbell Hall room B on the SOU campus. Present were council members Fidler, Frank Lang, Belinda Melendez, Herman Schmeling, Lorraine Winger, Dave Hoffman, co-president and Rob Casserly as SOU staff liaison. Tom Pyle, former council President Bev DeLaZerda, Ed Hungerford, Rob Casserly, and Bonnie Rott. Absent were Jim Olsen Glenda Wood, Bob Riehm, Barbie Brenheiser, Ernie Ettlich, and Lavelle Castle.

2. Minutes of Fall, 2014, Council Meeting

Approved as corrected during distribution via email. Additionally, noted was comment about including obits on the website in the future. Who is considered for Council as a member? Emeritus, retired have to apply. Ten years for others. Penny Thorpe's office has all the information on tenure. It was motioned by Lorraine, and Bonnie second to be sure we include the obits.

3. Maintenance of Dues records – payments

There is confusion on who paid, who paid 2 times. After discussion of issues, Rob agreed to check on this. He will report back to us with a report as of the end of last year on who paid and when. Lorraine and Ralph will meet with Rob Casserly after the meeting today to confirm on payments and who may be due also. No notice goes out. It was agreed to leave the dues term as they are now and not change things yet. (July to June)

4. Speakers and Helpers at Membership Luncheons - location

Suggestions were put out to invite the Football coach – maybe all coaches, at least an invitation), along with Matt Sayre (speak for the SOU teams, and about construction at our May 15 meeting. It was moved and seconded to send an official letter of congratulations for their work this year as well. There are 11 teams to consider for the luncheon.

5. Council size – change to be more or less?

Should we vote to decrease the number to 9, do nothing this year, due to council size each year and who comes in and who leaves? Consistent attendance is usually 9 and it was suggested and motioned to vote on 9 as a standard number by Tom, and Bonnie seconded. Side notes were that the by-laws need to be changed if there is a change due to the ratio of faculty to staff percentage. The 2/3 is the faculty ratio. Bev agreed to rewrite the by-laws. It was decided that no fewer than 5 should be faculty. With this in mind the faculty maintains the majority vote. The council size will be voted on at our next luncheon on February 13, 2015.

6. Luncheon location

All felt it was okay to have lunch in the SOU Student Union Building, Rogue River Room, purchasing our meals at the food court, since it worked pretty good last time. Price seems to work out for most, and everyone enjoyed the food.

7. Increasing Membership

Questions were asked about increasing membership, ways to make this happen. Some members suggested calling, others emails. These would be paying members. Ralph Fidler, Bev DeLazarda, Bonnie Rott, Tom Pyle, and Lorraine Winger agreed to call current retirees.

8. Nominating Committee

This was tabled at this time. To be discussed at a later date.

9. Ralph asked for volunteers to help at the check in at luncheon

Lorraine will cover the table and Belinda volunteered to assist. There are name tags to hand out as well as collections to be made and questions to answer. Tom offered his assistance as well. The next luncheon is on February 13, beginning 11:30 for socializing and lunch (okay to get lunch during this time and eat). There was discussion about getting the room timely and Rob takes care of this for us. We agreed a year in advance would help keep the luncheon date and time easier to inform everyone of the date and agenda information. Ralph will discuss this with Rob.

10. Items to be included in the next newsletter

Comments were made about items some had turned in and new items to give to Carol. We are welcome to send an email to Carol. Some at the meeting suggested shorter articles, for interest. Tom suggested sports items would be good for the newsletter especially the newsworthy events of our teams this past few months.

There was a suggestion that campus events utilize our events as well. Ralph will check on implementing this idea. This would also show up in the newsletter.

There was mention that Lyn Guetierrez may talk at the next luncheon about what we and OLLI can do for each other – February luncheon. Dr. Saigo, president of Southern Oregon University, will be our featured speaker at the luncheon.

Tom suggested adjourning at 4:30 and Belinda seconded. Next meeting will be April 8, at Campbell Center at 3:30. The next luncheon will be May 15, with details to follow from April meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Melendez, Secretary,

Please send recommendations and amendment information to melendeb@sou.edu, or taco_417@hotmail.com.