

Southern Oregon University Retirees Association  
Sept. 17, 2014, Council Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Minutes of May 28, 2014, Council Meeting

Approved as corrected during distribution via email. Minutes will be posted on association website.

3. Election of Council Officers for 2014-15

Ralph and Dave indicated they would be willing to continue to serve as co-presidents if nominated, as did treasurer Lorraine. Tom said he would prefer to not serve another year as secretary. Belinda volunteered to accept position of secretary if nominated and elected. Ralph, Dave, Lorraine and Belinda were nominated and then elected by unanimous vote. There will be no vice president because of choice to have co-presidents.

4. Speakers and Helpers at Membership Luncheons

Rob said the fall luncheon has been moved from Oct. 24 to 31 because of a scheduling problem. Dave, Ernie, Lorraine and Ralph volunteered to help. Dave said he thought about having a fire department representative speak at fall luncheon because of rash of fires in area over the summer. He said fire marshal Margueritte Hickman told him she or someone else from department would be available to talk about possibility of declaring entire city a fire zone and other topics. Consensus was that Dave's choice was a good one. Ernie suggested that interim president Dr. Roy Saigo be invited to say a few words at the luncheon as well. Dave said luncheons with musical groups as guests were popular; Bev pointed to Ron Bolstad's combo as an example. Ernie suggested outstanding music department students could be possibilities for future programs. Consensus was that musical performance could be choice for winter luncheon. Ralph indicated that university president has traditionally been the featured speaker at spring luncheon. He felt interim president Saigo could draw a good crowd this spring as he is very outgoing and positive thinking. Dave agreed to invite Dr. Saigo to be spring luncheon speaker. Ralph said Claude Curran had suggested a program of retirees giving recollections of special memories of their time at the university and Rob suggested SOU Foundation interim vice president for development Eric Baird as another possibility.

#### 5. Fall Luncheon Location and Cost

Dave said luncheon would be in Stevenson Union Rogue River room. He said new "Hawk" dining room was popular because of low cost but impractical because of lack of adjacent meeting room. He said when attendees served selves in SU cafeteria there was still a \$161 charge to association for coffee, linens, etc.. Cost for "barbeque picnic" meal in Rogue River room would be \$12.95 for served food and association would still have to pay \$5 a head for drinks, linens, etc.

Discussion followed as to merits of charging attendees full \$17.95 or association picking up \$5 of each tab. Two options were proposed: (1) pick up food in SU cafeteria and take it back to RR room to eat, or (2) have buffet style food service in RR room. Dave said some folks have trouble moving from one room to another, but several people said help could be available for them if needed. Vote was taken with cafeteria winning 7-4 over RR room buffet. It was also mentioned that eating lunch is not required of those attending the meeting.

#### 6. Bookstore Discounts, etc.

Ralph announced that new bookstore operators would continue to honor 10 percent discount for retirees. He also said 2014-15 athletic passes are available at athletic office in McNeal Hall. Regarding retiree ID card, he said retired faculty still get free ones, while retired staff cards are \$5 each, with fee paid by the association, not the individual retirees.

#### 7. Billing for Dues

Billing for this year's association dues will be done with the next newsletter, according to Ralph, who added that the newsletter should be out around Oct. 13. Dave said luncheon guest speakers for year will be announced in the newsletter.

#### 8. Residence Hall Help

Ralph said volunteers are needed to help new students move into residence halls on Sept. 25, but no heavy lifting will be required.

#### 9. 2014-15 Association Budget

Lorraine handed out copies (attached) of the budget for fiscal year 2013-14 and the proposed budget for 2014-15. Last year's budget was \$4,050, with expenditures of \$2,405.92, leaving a \$1,644 surplus. The proposed budget is \$2,670. Lorraine said proposed budget is lower because of lower projected income from lunches if luncheon attendees buy own lunches in cafeteria (which, as it turns out, was what we approved earlier in the meeting). The 2013-14 budget shows beginning balance for the scholarship fund last year was \$22,762.30 and was up to \$32,291.76 by the end of the year. The proposed budget for 2014-15 was unanimously approved. Lorraine offered her thanks to Bev for her help in preparing the budgets.

#### 10. Scholarships

Dave said we need to decide if one student will get each \$1200 award annually or if it will be split between up to three candidates. Bev pointed out we need to

maintain a \$25,000 scholarship fund balance in order to continue to fund scholarships and a higher total would enable more students to receive scholarships. It was suggested that there be a sentence in next newsletter thanking people for donations and expressing need to build the fund. Consensus was to keep providing a \$1200 scholarship to one student per year until fund balance reaches a point that would allow consideration of additional grants.

#### 11. Obituaries

Tom expressed concern that no retiree obituaries have appeared on the association website since that of Sheldon Rio in April. Ernie said that the office of academic affairs is supposed to provide website with the information.

#### 12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SOU RETIREES ASSOCIATION**  
**from 7-1-14 through 6-30-15**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>REMAINING</b>
Membership	\$ 1,500	(75 @ 20)	\$
Newsletter	\$ 750	\$	\$
Gifts	\$ 400	\$	\$
Interest	\$ 20		\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,670</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Office Supplies	\$ 200	\$	\$
Operating Supplies (ID cards)	\$ 50	\$	\$
Postage	\$ 200	\$	\$
Duplicating/Copying	\$ 800	\$	\$
Publishing/Graphic Design	\$ 300	\$	\$
Credit Card Fees	\$ 20	\$	\$
Administrative Fees (SOUF)	\$ 60	\$	\$
Hosting (Luncheons/Council)	\$ 870	\$	\$
Entertainment	\$ 100	\$	\$
Interest Expenses	\$ 10	\$	\$
Other (Gifts for Council)	\$ 60	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,670</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

As of June 30, 2014

**BUDGET FOR SOU RETIREES ASSOCIATION**  
**from 7-1-13 through 6-30-14**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>REMAINING</b>
	(75 @ 20)		
Membership (86 @ 20)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,720.00	\$ < 220.00 >
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Luncheons	\$ 1,850	\$ 785.80	\$ 1,064.20
Newsletter	\$ 700	\$ -----	\$ 700.00
Gifts		\$ 400.00	\$ <400.00 >
Interest		\$ 16.11	\$ <16.11 >
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,921.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,128.09</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Office Supplies	\$ 100	\$ 59.80	\$ 40.20
Operating Supplies (ID Cards)	\$ 50	\$ -----	\$ 50.00
Postage	\$ 300	\$ 217.97	\$ 82.03
Duplicating/Copying	\$ 650	\$ 726.51	\$ <76.51 >
Publishing/Graphic Design	\$ 300	\$ 225.00	\$ 75.00
Credit Card Fees	\$ 20	\$ 13.95	\$ 6.05
Administrative Fees (SOUF)	\$ 60	\$ 12.00	\$ 48.00
Hosting (Luncheons)	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,150.62	\$ 1,249.38
Entertainment	\$ 100	\$ -----	\$ 100.00
Interest Expenses	\$ 10	\$ .07	\$ 9.93
Other (Gifts for Council)	\$ 60	\$ -----	\$ 60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,405.92</b>	<b>\$ 1,644.08</b>

as of June 30, 2014

SOU Retirees Scholarship Beg Bal ----- \$22,762.30  
Scholarship Fund Value as of 3/31/14 ----- \$32,291.76