

Southern Oregon University Retirees Association  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm in Room B of the Campbell Center. Present were Bev De La Zerda, Thom Jones, Lodi Belford, Marjorie Bulkeley, Wayne Schumacher, Ernie Ettlich, Sue Corp, Don Reynolds, Bruce Moats, and Sally Klein. Guest: Thomas Paterson

#### Last Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for January 13 were approved with one correction: Bob Hilton (guest speaker last meeting) is the chair of the Curriculum (not Recruitment) Committee with OLLI.

#### Retirees Association Membership Discussion

Thomas Paterson, a retired faculty member from the University of Connecticut and neighbor of Don Rhoades, had expressed interest in joining the SOU Retirees Association. Tom gave a brief biographical overview including his involvement here at SOU as guest lecturer and committee member. Tom was thanked for his interest and excused. Further discussion will come under New Business.

#### Old Business

##### Next Luncheon Program

Bev announced that the planned program appearance by Ann Root of Eden Vale Winery hit a conflict, and instead the program will feature Bob Hilton and Doug Gentry. Bob to talk about OLLI and why he enjoys teaching in the program so much; and Doug will speak on "The Economy." It was also discussed that the idea of having an Association program at the Medford Center had fallen through for the time being. Perhaps next year it can work out perhaps combined with a tour and finger foods. Regarding next year's programs, Bev said she would try to nail down dates so conflicts can, hopefully, be avoided.

#### Newsletter Underwriting Topic

Thom and Ernie described their visit with Sylvia Kelly, VP for Development, which was wide-ranging and animated. Ultimately, it was determined that our Association might be better aligned/connected with the instructional side of SOU (i.e. Provost's Office) rather than Development. Sylvia was most interested in the scholarship efforts of the Association (currently at \$11,562 according to a report provided by Ron TheBerge). An article by Sylvia for a future newsletter on investing in SOU's development and financial future through gifting and related topics could be a way to assist her in her office's efforts. It was suggested Sylvia might be a future program speaker. The Association might also explore potential connections with the Alumni Office.

#### Helping The University

The handout "Helping The University" was distributed. This brief document describes an April, 2007, "brainstorming session" sparked by a talk Lawson Inada presented at the March 17, 2007 Winter Term Luncheon., and contains potential ideas for further involvement by the Association. Sally agreed to contact Jeanne Stallman to determine and help prioritize what the University might want from us.

#### New Business

##### Council Nominating Committee

Wayne reported the committee (Ernie, Bruce, Dan, and Wayne as chair) met the day before and developed a list of potential council nominees. The list was distributed and feedback received. The committee will identify leading candidates for follow-up. A total of seven new members are needed, with at least three of them being faculty. Over the ensuing weeks before our next meeting, the higher priority nominee candidates will be contacted to gauge interest and commitment.

#### Guidelines for Admitting Non-SOU Retirees into the Association

The Council discussed the pros and cons of opening up Association membership to interested retired faculty who expressed interest in active membership. The pros outweighed the cons, and in accordance

with Association Guidelines, the Council held a vote and voted to allow Thomas into the Association. It was suggested that similar requests be handled on a case by case manner with attention to involvement/contribution to SOU. Ernie suggested some wording should be drafted to clarify this issue in the guidelines for the future

#### Other Business

Thom presented the “telephone tree” idea, a procedure the Association used to do, as a way to remind and encourage people to attend the programs/luncheons. (Perhaps this would be an agenda item for next meeting?)

Lodi presented the need for students and others to use the flashing lights for crossing Siskiyou Blvd, suggesting that could be an effort for the Association in some way.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 14.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Schumacher