

Southern Oregon University Retirees Association  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2011

President Sue Corp began the meeting at 3:00 pm in Room C of the Campbell Center. Present were Sue Corp, Lodi Belford, Bruce Moats, Don Reynolds, Jerry Insley, Jim Dean, Pat Wolfe, Gene Stringer, Bev De La Zerda, Wayne Schumacher.

Last Meeting's Minutes

The minutes of the special meeting held on March 23 were approved without correction.

Old Business

Nominating Committee Report (Bruce Moats and Jim Dean)

Bruce and Jim reported to the Council that the following individuals had agreed to stand for nomination to the Retirees Council for the next three-year term commencing June 15: Faculty nominees are Tom Pyle and Barbara Irvin; Staff nominees are LaVelle Castle, Pete Belcastro, and Wayne Schumacher. A vote will be conducted at the May 20 luncheon at the Higher Education Center in Medford.

Issues for Spring Meeting

Sue said she had not heard of any requests for special transportation or shuttle needs so far. Wayne agreed to contact Jeanne Stallman to see if she had received any requests and for any additional information about transportation/shuttle matters. Sue reported that Sally Jones had indicated to her that Sally would be bringing a supply of lifetime passes to athletic events for retiree's to obtain at the luncheon. For those wishing to receive a pass but not in attendance at the luncheon meeting, passes would be available in Sally Klein's office at the Campbell Center. Wayne suggested the May luncheon would be an opportune time to express our appreciation to Jeanne Stallman for all she has done over the years in support of the Retirees Association. Plans are afoot along this line. President Cullinan will be the speaker at the luncheon, and Jeanne will give a tour of the facility following. All are invited to hear the McNair Scholars' presentations beginning at 1:30 that afternoon at HEC.

New Business

Retirees Association Membership Form Responses

Sue reported that Sally Klein was in Boise, but had reported to her that she had received 10 membership response forms so far. Lodi, our treasurer, reported the total amount received as of her last report amounted to \$670 (\$355 for scholarship fund; \$200 for Association memberships, and \$115 specifically for the newsletter.) Sally will email an update when she returns. Sue agreed to have more membership forms available at the luncheon. Gene asked what the \$20 per year membership cost would actually pay for. Sue said this was still somewhat unresolved, but the annual fees would probably include newsletter costs, lunches for meeting invitees, any expenses related to benefits that might arise, and to-be-determined operational expenses. Sue indicated that a more precise answer to Gene's question would need to be worked out in the future.

#### Membership Benefits Committee Report/Review (Jerry, Bruce, Dave)

Jerry reported that, as easily surmised from the benefits comparator chart submitted at the last meeting, SOU falls short in side by side comparisons with other universities regarding retiree benefits. Although there are more, Jerry indicated that the wise course of action at this time was to focus on three major issues: 1. Identification Cards; 2. Library Privileges; 3. Parking Permits. To this end, and in response to the Council's request from the last meeting, the committee had prepared a draft memorandum from Sue to the President (copy to the Provost) requesting changes to bring SOU retiree benefits more in line with other institutions. The draft memorandum was reviewed by the Council with several suggested modifications, most significantly Bev's correction from 10 years to 5 years eligibility requirement for Association membership. Other suggestions were of a more grammatical, inferential or cosmetic nature. A motion (Jerry/Lodi) to approve the modified memorandum and send it to the President (copy to the Provost) was passed unanimously. Sue agreed to hand deliver the memorandum and attached chart as early as this coming Tuesday.

#### June 15 Council Meeting

The Council meeting on June 15 will involve the current full Council plus the newly elected Council members. After some business involving the outgoing, incoming, and continuing Council members as a full group, the outgoing members will have the option to leave if they wish. Outgoing Council members will need to bring their Retiree's Association Council binders and any related materials to pass along to the new members. Election of officers will then take place at this meeting.

#### Proposed Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars:

Council Meetings: June 15, 2011, August 10, September 14, October 12, January 11, 2012, February 15, April 18, May 9, June 13.

Luncheon Dates: Friday, May 20, 2011, Friday October 21, Friday, February 24, 2012, Spring luncheon to be determined.

#### Droscher Letter Requesting Association Membership

A letter from Mary Bernarde Droscher and Ken Droscher, both former SOU employees, was distributed to the Council. Mary and Ken are requesting to become members of our Association. Both are remembered fondly and fully meet the requirements for membership as set forth in the bylaws. A motion (Jerry/Gene) to invite Mary and Ken into the Retiree's Association was unanimously and enthusiastically approved. Sue will notify them, and Sally will make sure the appropriate information is collected for inclusion in the Association's official roster.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Schumacher