

Southern Oregon University Retirees Association  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2010

President Bev De La Zerda began the meeting at 3:04 pm in Room B of the Campbell Center. Present were Bev De La Zerda, Thom Jones, Ralph Fidler, Ernie Ettlich, Sue Corp, Lodi Belford, Bruce Moats, Wayne Schumacher. Sally Klein was away on new grandchild (pleasure-)duty, and Jeanne Stallman was attending a meeting in Portland.

Last Meeting's Minutes

The meeting minutes for April 14 were approved.

Old Business

Change of Speaker for Luncheon

Bev announced that a conflict has arisen with President Cullinan's schedule, and in her stead, Jim Klein, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, will be the featured speaker at our luncheon meeting next week.

Council Election Committee Report (Ernie Ettlich, Bruce Moats, Dan Bulkley, Wayne Schumacher, Chair)  
Wayne thanked the Nominating Committee and announced the final slate of candidates for next year's Council:

Faculty: Jim Dean, Jerry Insley, Gene Stringer, and David Hoffman.

Staff: Lodi Belford, Pat Wolfe, and Don Graber.

Two of the positions are two-year commitments, and the remaining are for three years. As a returning Council member, Lodi was offered one of the two-year terms, and she accepted. The remaining two-year term position will be decided by the Council at or before the next Council meeting in August.

Retiree Membership Discussion

Bev presented the latest draft of guidelines for admission of non-SOU faculty/staff to the Association. It was adopted with two minor changes: Sally Klein's name was deleted to provide more future flexibility, and the adoption date of May 20, 2010 was appended to the document.

Bev read a very nice letter from Geoff Ridden thanking the Council for including him in the Association.

Ralph asked about the process for Jim Olsen to join the Association since he did not actually retire from SOU. The new guidelines apply to staff and well as faculty.

Bev indicated she will be reorganizing the binders for the new Council members which will be available at the August meeting.

Thom asked if the Council thought a different color name badge might be appropriate for those accepted into the Association via the new guidelines to help identify them and encourage members' interaction. The consensus was a different color was not necessary, however, the name badges might include the department(s) where one worked to help facilitate interaction/recognition. Sally offered to re-do the badges with this information over the summer (Thank You Sally!). This was thought to be a good idea and was approved. (Ralph offered to assist). At the luncheon Bev will mention the new guidelines and introduce those who have been accepted.

Helping The University Update

Those who assisted with the scholarship screening were thanked. This was one example of a way the Association can assist the University.

Sally reported through Bev that she believed offsetting some Association costs through including ads in the newsletter would be acceptable. This will need to be coordinated with Carol McNair, Newsletter Editor.

Bev also reported that Jeanne had been in touch with some deans and department heads to solicit ideas

about the Association's assistance in their areas and had received some ideas from them.

#### Meetings for the Rest of the Year and Beyond

Bev has succeeded in establishing the following dates for next year's meetings and events:

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 (changed from August 18)

Luncheon Dates: October 22, March 4, 2011, and May 20, 2011 (this to be held at Medford Center)

Potential Council Meeting Dates: Sept 15, Oct 13, Jan 12, Feb 16, Apr 13, May 11.

Bev also has communicated all relevant newsletter dates and deadlines to Carol M.

Great Job, Bev!

#### Telephone Directories

Sally has put together copies of names/addresses/phone numbers to be available on the table at the coming luncheon. Those present will be asked to update/correct/delete their information. Copies will be available at the fall luncheon (\$1 per copy; \$1.50 if mailed.) Ralph inquired about availability on the website; Bev assured that the info will be accessible on the Retiree's Association site.

#### New Business

I mentioned the school does not scanton individual retirement parties but the departments still have the ability to plan a retirement party for a retiree.

Bev reported that the University no longer will host University-wide individual retirement parties, but departments still may plan retirement parties for their retirees. A campus-wide Employee Recognition Day for all retiring faculty and staff will be celebrated on June 2, 2-4pm, SU Arena. Association members are encouraged to attend.

#### Other Business?

There being none, Sue mentioned a funny book she has read by last name Russo, Straight Man. She highly recommends it for those wanting a humorous look at university departmental life laced with a healthy dose of *déjà vu*.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm

Luncheon on May 26. Next Council Meeting on August 11.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Schumacher