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Greetings,

I am hoping all of you enjoyed your holiday season and are looking forward to a wonderful year filled with great activities with both friends and family! I know I am.

Our next luncheon is **February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the Rogue River Room in the Stevenson Union.** Our program will be on student activities. I was sent this following statement by Larry Locke, the Assistant Director of Student Life for Leadership regarding the program:

“A generational shift is underway. The last millennials are sophomores and generation z has entered the university as first year students. Student demographics nationally and at SOU will begin to shift. Larry Locke, the Assistant Director of Student Life for Leadership, will share about this transition by highlighting popular and meaningful programs and services at SOU. How are extra curricular activities helping students face their biggest challenges as students? What kinds of programs and services do we need to build for our incoming students?”

It should be a very interesting program.

At the last luncheon, the membership approved the proposal for the Association changes. They are:

The Retirees Organization will operate in cooperation with SOU Outreach and Engagement Program.

It's leadership will be a volunteer or volunteers initially appointed by the current Retirees Association Council and thereafter by serving in the leadership role.

The leadership will serve as a liaison between SOU Outreach and Engagement Program setting programs for setting programs for quarterly luncheons, communicating with the Association's membership, and performing other necessary functions of leadership.

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A annual billing statement will be sent out to members by the OLLI office asking for a suggested donation of \$20.00 to be used to cover the organization costs including quarterly luncheon setup costs with any surplus going to the scholarship fund.

All financial affairs of the association including collecting and depositing donations and other payments, paying bills, preparing financial reports will be handled by staff at SOU's Outreach and Engagement program and the SOU Foundation offices.

Association members will continue to receive benefits including: free or reduced admission to university-sponsored events; parking for retired faculty and management service retirees; 10% discount at SOU Bookstore or the same discount afforded SOU employees; Hannon library privileges; continued use of University email accounts; use of recreation facilities currently available (some on a fee basis) to all University employees at the same rate as employees. Association leadership will continue its efforts to secure free parking for retired staff.

Due to the voluntary leadership now in effect, our current by-laws are out-of-date and need to be revised. Attached you will find a copy of the Proposed Leadership By-Laws.

Please read them over so we will be able to vote on them on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

I want to remind everyone if you have not paid your dues for 2017-18 you may do so by submitting your payment to: OLLI at SOU; 1250 Siskiyou Blvd.; Ashland, Or 97520. Forms for submission were mailed out in our Fall newsletter and can be obtained off the Retirees website "retirees.sou.edu"

As you are aware, parking on campus has changed. The new parking meters are in and easy to use. If you had a purple parking sticker, hopefully you have already contacted Jessica Wanderscheid at 541-552-6666 to obtain your virtual parking pass.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. Until then, take care and stay happy!

Bev De La Zerda  
Leadership Council Volunteer  
Attachment: Leadership Council By-Laws

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## **Southern Oregon University Retirees Association**

### **Leadership By-Laws**

**I. Name:**

The name of this organization shall be the "Southern Oregon University Retirees Association."

**II. Purposes:**

To provide a campus "home" to serve as a point of contact at the university for retirees.

To promote social interaction among all retirees through events, council representation, a newsletter, and a web site.

To provide campus events to encourage a continuing relationship between SOU and Association membership and to promote on-going intellectual stimulation and activities.

To provide opportunities for the university to use the talents of retired faculty and staff to the benefit of the University and retirees, including knowledgeable advocacy.

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**III. Membership:**

Membership shall include all SOU retired faculty and staff, their spouses and surviving spouses. Members should have been employed for at least five (5) years of service. Former SOU personnel who did not retire from the University but otherwise meet the five-year minimum as well as retirees from other universities and colleges may join with the approval of the Council.

**IV. Leadership Council:**

The Leadership Council shall consist of a volunteer or volunteers to serve as a liaison between SOU Outreach and Engagement Program. The Leadership Council will be responsible for setting programs for quarterly luncheons, communicating with the Association's membership, and performing other functions of leadership.

**VII. Dues:**

The Leadership Council may assess dues as needed.

**VIII. Amendments to the By-Laws:**

These By-Laws may be amended at any Spring meeting of the Association. Proposed amendments must be circulated to the membership in writing at least twenty days prior to the meeting. For purposes of amendments, a quorum shall consist of those active members in attendance.

Revised February 9, 2018