SJSU ERFA
Executive Board Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2014
10:00 to 11:30 a.m. --- Duncan Hall 249

Minutes

Members Present: Gene Bernardini, Peter Buzanski, Carol Christensen, Jill Cody, Barbara Conry, Abdel El-Shaieb, Don Keesey, Bill McCraw, Joan Merdinger, Wayne Savage, Carmen Sigler, Lonna Smith, Jo Bell Whitlatch, Bob Wilson, Marian Yoder.

1. Call to order. President Merdinger called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.


3. President’s Remarks. President Merdinger thanked the Board for their wonderful contributions to the University.

4. Time Certain 10:10 AM – Amy Strage report from ACE/Sloan Faculty Transitions Project. Conducted 16 brief interviews with retired faculty concerning their transitions to retired. Fifty people attended a lunch with a panel discussing retirement transitions. An online calculator is available to explore retirement finances. Some retirement modules concerning finances are also available. Thirty people attended a meeting on retirement finances and were complimentary concerning the information available. A retirement center with resources and computers was created by ACE funds. ERFA members are welcome to come by and use the retirement resources in the Center for Faculty Development (open 8-5, M-F). Gene asked Amy to write a couple of paragraphs for the ERFA Newsletter. The Center for Faculty Development will provide support for reviewing the applications for the ERFA Faculty Scholarly & Creative Activity Award, including committee meetings at the Center.

5. Upcoming Events and Activities

   a. ERFA Faculty Scholarly & Creative Activity Award – Update. Binders of all applications will be mailed to the Committee’s homes by the Center for the Faculty Development. Criteria will need to be established by the Committee. Publicity from the awards has been very positive and raised awareness of ERFA.

   b. Holiday Reception: Wednesday, December 10th

      i. Reservations and Logistics (Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, Lonna Smith, Gene Bernardini, Barbara Conry, et al). Food has been ordered; no music; all preparations are in place. Notices have gone out. Thirty-seven people have sent Barbara their RSVP to date.

   c. Spring Excursion – March 27, 2015

      i. Walt Disney Museum/Jill Cody & Activities Committee. Joan needs to be kept informed and should be copied on emails.

   d. Spring Luncheon: Date TBD

6. Action Items

a. **ERFA archives and the SJSU Special Collections (Lonna Smith & Jo Bell Whitlatch).** Lonna recommends that ERFA keep the Photo Albums. The SJSU Library Archives would like old minutes and agendas (Jo has volunteered to organize the minutes and agendas for donations: minutes that are available electronically will be downloaded by Carol and sent to SJSU Special Collections and Archives electronically. Carol will notify Lonna and Jo which minutes will be sent electronically). Cliff Johnson’s notebooks, necrology, obituaries, scrapbooks with newspaper articles could be donated. Lonna/Peter moved the agendas, minutes and scrapbooks with the exception of the photo albums be donated to Special Collections and Archives at this time. Motion approved unanimously. Selected photo albums will be brought to the December ERFA Holiday Celebration to see if individuals are interested in reviewing the photos. One issue is that that individuals are not identified in any of the albums. A possible future project would be uploading the photos on Facebook and then people could tag them with identities.

b. **Academic Senate Policy on Emeriti Faculty (Peter Buzanski).** The final reading will take place this Monday afternoon. ERFA members would like to see certain changes including adding the Latin singular and plural forms for Librarian and Counselor, and the terms Faculty Emerita, Faculty Emeritus. Carol/Marian moved that we support two changes in the final draft: in 1.2.1 changing “Bargain” to “Bargaining;” and in 2.1 adding both the singular and plural Latin language forms for Librarian and Counselor and inserting “Faculty Emerita” and Faculty Emeritus” as an explicit choice; we endorse the policy with the recommended amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Reports

a. **Treasurer’s Report (Abdel El-Shaieb).** Members are 211 paid, with 39 paying twice. Balance is $14,493.64. CSU ERFA is several quarters behind in reimbursing SJSU ERFA for dues. By June 2015, the expected balance will be $6000 - $7000.

b. **Membership Report (Wayne Savage).** Members are 315; however, 81 will be dropped because they have not paid dues for some time. Twenty-six people have been invited to join. Cover of new membership directory is very attractive.

c. **Newsletter Editor Report (Gene Bernardini).** Next newsletter will go out in mid-December. The Board discussed including controversial issues in the Newsletter and agreed that we certainly need to be careful not to jeopardize our non-profit status by advocating positions on political issues.

d. **ACE/Sloan Faculty Transitions Grant Update (Joan Merdinger).** Covered under Amy Strage’s report.

e. **Webmaster’s Report (Carol Christensen).** A total of 72 members are not getting emails. Carol will try to send out information to these individuals.

f. **Consolations Report (Jill Cody).** Sent notes to Dominique van Hooff’s family, Ed Lewis, Adnan Daoud, John Rhoades’ wife, and Bob Wilson. Tom Tutko was not a member of our organization; however, the Board agreed that sending a note to the family would be desirable if it is possible to locate the information.
g. **Activities Committee (Marian Yoder/ Don Keesey).** Movie will be next Sunday; possibly the “Theory of Everything.”

h. **Faculty Senate Report (Peter Buzanski).** No additional report.

i. **CSU-ERFA (Bob Wilson, Don Keesey, Adnan Daoud).**
   
i. State Council meeting: April 25\textsuperscript{th}, 2015 at CSU Long Beach. Don gave an excellent report. Police have to be instructed on elderly abuse. Cancer, heart, and falling generally are the three ways we die.

j. **Archivist Report (Lonna Smith).** No additional report.

8. **New Business**

   a. **Membership Dues (Bob Wilson).** Question is – do we want to continue to get $14,000 to support the scholarships? A difficult question. We need to consider this issue at a future meeting.

   b. **ERFA Holiday Celebration on the 10\textsuperscript{th}** is the day after the Retirement Center opens at the Center for Faculty Development and members may wish to visit on that day.

9. **Adjournment to February 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2015 meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

   
   *Minutes Submitted by Jo Bell Whitlatch, Secretary*