Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA)

Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - June 14, 2019 - Enrollment Services 207

Attending: Fran Bond, Ron Matlon, Martha Siegel, Ray Castaldi, Annette Chappell, Jane Wolfson, Peg Benner, Florence Newman

Absent: Tracy Miller, Don Forester, Ellie Hofstetter, David Larkin

Meeting called to order by President Bond at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes of May 14, 2019 were approved.

President's Report (Bond)

- The Technology Tune-Up held on May 30 was well attended and quite useful. OTS hosts were quite accommodating. New parking regulations were discussed, and, when finalized, they will be sent to TURFA members and posted on the TURFA website.
- The TURFA visit to Hidden Waters (the Chancellor's home) took place on June 3. We had a good turnout - 38 people attended. Costs amounted to $1,079 offset by donations from the Vice-President for Advancement ($250), the Chancellor ($300), and the Provost ($100). TURFA will pay $429 for the event.
- Final arrangements for the annual Spring retired faculty event (June 28, 2019) were discussed.
- Arrangements for the annual Fall TURFA event were discussed.
- Fran Bond will serve on the search committee for a replacement for Dominique Rainey, the Provost's Office liaison to TURFA. The position description for this job identifies 20% assigned to meeting TURFAS's needs. The position description was discussed.
• TURFA has been asked to provide a representative to the search committee for a Graduate Dean. Tracy Miller will make this appointment later this summer.
• Drafts of the upcoming Middle States evaluation of TU will be made available for review. A representative from TURFA might be interviewed by the Middle States team.
• The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in August at a date and time to be announced later.
• A follow-up session with UMBC's Wisdom Institute should be discussed at the August 2019 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Castaldi)

• We just added six new members.
• Our cash balance is $5,834.25 with another $3,425 in the Oral History Project Fund.
• Another separate TURFA fund for Research and Scholarship has been requested.
• When people donate, the TURFA Treasurer will be informed by the TU Foundation. In turn, the Treasurer will send this information to the TURFA President who will then prepare and send thank you letters to the donors.
• The Treasurer will inquire from the Provost's Office how confirmation of membership and membership cards will be handled this summer.
• The Treasurer will volunteer Executive Committee help this summer with TURFA matters until someone is hired to replace Dominique Rainey in the Provost's Office.
Oral History Project Report (Bond for Forester)

- Jo-Ann Pilardi and Vic Fisher will be interviewed in Fall 2019.
- One other person from the College of Liberal Arts will also be invited for an interview in Fall 2019.

Membership Recruitment and Retention Report (Matlon)

- A letter, accompanied by the revised membership brochure, was sent through the USPS to all retired and retiring faculty and librarians for whom we have addresses.
- In August, another contact will be made by President Miller in an attempt to increase membership even further.

AROHE Report (Matlon)

- Annual dues ($120) will be paid by the Provost's Office this month.
- A list of TURFA contacts with AROHE was established.

FACE Advisory Board Report (Chappell)

- Patricia Westerman was hired as Assistant Provost and Director of the Faulty Development Center. TURFA should arrange to meet with her in Fall 2019.

Adjourned at 3:10 p.m. -- Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary