Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - May 18, 2018 - Enrollment Services 207

Attending: Martha Siegel, Annette Chappell, Ron Matlon, Ray Castaldi, Fran Bond, Don Forester, Ellie Hofstetter, and Florence Newman

Absent: Peg Benner and David Larkin

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

Minutes of April 20, 2018 approved.

President's Report (Siegel)

- Martha Siegel will represent TURFA on the Provost Search Committee.
- There is no new information about a new Provost's Office person who will be assigned to TURFA.
- About 40 people are planning to attend a reception at the Chancellor's house (Hidden Waters) on June 6 from 4-6 p.m.
- Changes will be made to State retiree prescription and drug plans with updates coming in Fall 2018 regarding enrollment in Medicare Part D. Open enrollment begins October 15, 2018.
- Patricia Ault will follow what is going on in Legislative Affairs as it pertains to retirees and then report back to TURFA.

Membership Recruitment (Castaldi)

- The TURFA membership application card has been updated for this spring.
- TURFA just added two new members bringing total to 81.
- Ray Castaldi and Ron Matlon will work together on a plan in early Fall 2018 to reach out to those who have not re-joined TURFA.

Spring Event (Siegel, Chappell)

- Plans for the Thursday, June 28 event from 9:30 a.m. until noon are moving along nicely.
- A paper ballot will be used for the election.

Composition of the Executive Committee 2018-19 (Bond)

- Annette Chappell will remain as a non-voting member on the committee as TURFA's representative to the FACE Advisory Board.
- Ellie Hofstetter will remain on the committee as a non-voting member representing the Library.
- Whoever is appointed to represent TURFA on the new Academic Senate will be on the committee as a non-voting member.
- At the June 28 event, members will be sought to serve TURFA in other ways. Final appointments will be discussed and made at the June 29 Executive Committee meeting.
AROHE Conference

- The Executive Committee voted to fund Don Forester to attend the national conference in Atlanta, Georgia at Emory University, October 7-9, 2018. He applied to be a presenter.

Fall 2018 Event

- It will be held on Thursday, October 11, at the Auburn House tent facility (the Pavilion). (Note: To accommodate the speaker, the date was changed to Wednesday, October 10.)
- Martha Siegel will reach out to Martha Kumar to be an invited guest speaker. An honorarium of $500 was suggested.

Oral History Task Force Project (Forester)

- The compilation video for the June 28 program is complete.
- Copies of videos need to go to the interviewees.
- The task force is thinking about whom to videotape next and how to get funding.

Retiree Survey Task Force Report (Matlon)

- A glossy hard copy of this report has been printed (200 copies). Samples were distributed at the meeting.
- A plan was devised for having the Executive Committee circulate the survey booklets to administrative offices around campus. The report is to be displayed in these offices.

Programs and Events Committee (Newman)

- Jane Wolfson conducted a group trip to the Museum of Industry in Baltimore.
- Jim Paulsen arranged a group trip to Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey.
- David Larkin and Peter Lev led a bird walk for TURFA members in Cromwell Valley Park.
- Discussion followed on program ideas and finding a new chairperson for this committee.

New Business

- Discussion took place regarding the TURFA Writing Group and having them reach out to any existing writing group currently on campus.
- Ron Matlon was asked to prepare a new TURFA membership brochure and discuss it at the next meeting.

Next Meeting - Scheduled for Friday, June 29, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary