Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - March 16, 2018 - Enrollment Services 207

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

Absent: Don Forester, Ellie Hofstetter, and David Larkin

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

Minutes of February 2, 2018 approved.

President's Report (Siegel)

- TURFA will be asked to (s)elect a representative to the newly created Academic Senate when it convenes. The Executive Committee will need to discuss the process of (s)election.
- Martha Siegel prepared a document addressed to the President of the TU chapter of AAUP to address adjunct pay for TU faculty who continue to teach after retiring.
- Fran Bond will contact Elizabeth Zoltan about holding a future function at Hidden Waters, the home of the UMS Chancellor, some afternoon in May or June.
- Martha Siegel reports no new news about the progress of the University committee revising the TU ART document. That information is still forthcoming.
- Hillary Giddings' position in the Provost's office has been re-defined, and, at present, she is the main contact source there for TURFA.
- The January OTS workshop was successful. Siegel will begin working with OTS to plan a summer workshop of a similar nature.

Spring Event (Siegel)

- The event will be held Thursday, June 28 from 9:30 a.m. until noon.
- Grady Sheffield, Director of Campus Recreation Services, is attending to make a presentation on the new Burdick Hall facility. After the brunch, attendees will be invited to take a guided tour of Burdick Hall.

Student Research and Creative Inquiry Forum

- This will take place on April 18.
- David Larkin volunteered to represent TURFA.
- More volunteers are needed and an e-mail will be sent to all TURFA members asking for their help.

Pre-Retirement Planning Program

- This event for TU people retiring soon will be held April 27.
- Martha Siegel will attend and speak about TURFA.
Oral History Project Report (Siegel for Forester)

- Doris Lidtke has just been videotaped with Don Forester as interviewer.
- Each College will be asked to donate $1,000 toward this project. Such a request has already been made of the Fisher College of Science and Mathematics.

AROHE Conference

- Don Forester is applying for an AROHE Innovation Award based on our Oral History Project. Winners get free conference registrations. Applications are due March 31.
- The national conference is in Atlanta, Georgia at Emory University in October 2018.

Retiree Survey Report (Matlon)

- The final report was posted on the TURFA website and widely distributed to the TU community and TU faculty retirees.
- All the original surveys as well as directions for improving the next version of a survey are stored in Enrollment Services 207.
- A glossy hard copy of this report is to be prepared and distributed. Motion by Matlon, seconded by Bond to approve up to $400 to get a report designed by Art Services. Approved.
- AROHE has been sent a summary of this report for the next edition of their newsletter.
- Also, a summary of the report will appear in the Spring 2018 issue of The Advocate.

Programs and Events Committee (Benner, Newman)

- Two trips are scheduled for TURFA members in April. Jane Wolfson is in charge of a trip to the Museum of Industry in Baltimore. Jim Paulsen is arranging a trip to a sculpture garden in Hamilton, New Jersey.

Nominating Committee (Chappell)

- The committee seeks nominations for President-Elect and Executive Committee Member-at-Large for the Spring 2018 election.
- Some names have already been suggested to the committee to consider.
- A call for nominations will be placed in the next issue of The Advocate.
- The Executive Committee should consider the composition of the EC at one of its future meetings.

Newsletter Report (Newman)

- The text for the Spring 2018 issue is nearly ready.

Faculty Center for Academic Excellence Report (Bond, Chappell)

- The advisory board has ongoing meetings.
• The Center will soon be set up, starting in Fall 2018 with a Director to be appointed in early 2019.

OSHER

• Martha Siegel is talking with the OSHER management team to negotiate TURFA fees.

New Business

• We need to select a date and make a request for meeting space for the TURFA Fall 2018 event.
• TURFA now has 81 active members.

Next Meeting - Scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary