Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - April 20, 2018 - Enrollment Services 207

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

Absent: David Larkin

Meeting called to order by President-Elect Bond at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes of March 16, 2018 approved.

Fall 2018 Event

- It will be held on Thursday, October 11 at the Auburn House tent facility.
- Program planning should begin soon.

AROHE Conference

- Don Forester applied for an AROHE Innovation Award based on our Oral History Project. Winners get free conference registrations. Winners are to be announced on April 30.
- The national conference is in Atlanta, Georgia at Emory University, October 7-9, 2018.
- Motion by M. Siegel; seconded by R. Matlon. To approve up to $1,000 for hotel, air fare, registration (if necessary), and other expenses to have Dr. Forester attend the conference. Approved.

President's Report (Siegel)

- The Provost's Office assures us that a new hire there will be assigned to TURFA. Siegel, Bond and Matlon should work together to prepare a list of TURFA responsibilities we will present to this new hire.
- Fran Bond and Martha Siegel talked with Tracy Jacobs at OSHER about future TURFA discounts. OSHER is considering a change in their fee structure. In addition, TURFA might sponsor a lecture series in conjunction with OSHER, and OSHER might have an open house for TURFA members.
- TURFA provided several volunteers for the Student Research and Creative Inquiry Forum.
- Martha Siegel is a presenter at the ORP Retirement Planning Program.
- Chancellor Robert Caret and Dr. Elizabeth Zoltan are hosting a function for TURFA members at Hidden Waters, the home of the UMS Chancellor, on June 6 from 4-6 p.m. Ellie Hofstetter will facilitate ride-sharing to the home in Owings Mills.

Spring Event (Siegel)

- The event will be held Thursday, June 28 from 9:30 a.m. until noon.
- A full program has now been finalized and invitations will soon be sent by the Provost's Office.
- A membership desk will be set up at the event.
**Oral History Task Force Project Report (Forester)**

- The original videographer was paid $300 and is working on final edits.
- Dean Vanko, Fisher College of Science and Mathematics, donated $600 toward this project. Don Forester put some money of his won into the project as well.
- Future videos could be as much as $1,500 each. We need to find future additional funding sources to be able to do two a semester.
- There is a group in the Baltimore City schools who could do the video work for us through BTU. A meeting will be arranged with them to discuss this matter.
- At the next TURFA meeting, we should discuss who to interview next.
- (We briefly adjourned to watch a 15-minute composite of the three interviews conducted to date. The response was very positive.)

**Membership Recruitment**

- The TURFA membership letter needs to be updated and shortened.
- Ray Castaldi will work with the Provost's Office on getting new and returning members for 2018-2019. He will report back to the Executive Committee at the next meeting.
- The Executive Committee will no longer be sending personal e-mails to retired faculty from their Colleges for the purpose of soliciting memberships in TURFA.

**Nominating Committee (Chappell)**

- The committee has one nominee for President-Elect and two nominees for Executive Committee Member-at-Large.
- The election takes place at the Spring Retiree Brunch, and information about the election will be mailed with the invitations for this June 28 event.

**Retiree Survey Task Force Report (Matlon)**

- The Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education will publish a story about our survey in the May 2018 edition of their newsletter, "AROHE Matters."
- President Schatzel sent congratulatory letters to TURFA in appreciation for our work on the survey.
- A glossy hard copy of this report was edited by the task force and sent to Art Services for layout and design.
- Cost estimates for printing the report were obtained by Peg Benner.
- **Motion** by E. Hofstetter; seconded by R. Matlon. To spend an estimated $628 for printing a 5-1/2 inch x 8-1/2 inch full bleed document with cover and inside pages in color. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report (Castaldi)**

- Our Foundation account now has $5,368.99 less commitments.
- TURFA has 81 members.
• **Motion** by M. Siegel; seconded by R. Matlon. To reimburse Jim Paulson for a partial expenditure for his TURFA trip to New Jersey. Approved.

**Programs and Events Committee (Benner, Newman)**

• Jane Wolfson was in charge of a trip to the Museum of Industry in Baltimore.
• Jim Paulsen arranged a trip to a sculpture garden in Hamilton, New Jersey.
• On May 3, David Larkin and Peter Lev will lead a bird walk for TURFA members in Cromwell Valley Park.

**Newsletter Report (Newman)**

• The Spring 2018 issue of "The Advocate" was distributed and placed on the TURFA website.

**Faculty Center for Academic Excellence Report (Bond)**

• The FACE advisory board in which TURFA has a seat is having an interface discussion with the Office of Academic Innovation.

**Next Meeting** - Scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary