Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - October 21 and November 2, 2016 - Administration Building 310 and Auburn Pavilion

Attending: Annette Chappell, Martha Siegel, Ray Castaldi, Ron Matlon, Don Forester, Fran Bond, David Larkin, Florence Newman, Peg Benner, Ellie Hofstetter, Mary T. Casterline, Hillary Giddings

Absent: Joe Topping

Meeting called to order by President Chappell at 2:05 p.m.

Minutes of September 9, 2016 approved.

Membership

- We are getting close to having 70 members.
- The annual membership campaign produced good results and should be repeated in a year.

Treasurer's Report (Castaldi)

- As of 9/30/16, we have $3,870 on our account.
- In the past year, we spent $510 ($250 for the Van Emmersen presentation and $260 for Florence Newman to go to the AROHE national conference).
- We have 15 new members in TURFA.

Fall Event Planning

- The event will be held inside the Auburn Pavilion on Wednesday, November 2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This constitutes the bi-annual general meeting for TURFA. Invitations have been mailed.
- A presentation will be made on the history of the Auburn House followed by tours of the house afterwards.
- Annette Chappell will make some opening remarks and Don Forester will be the master of ceremonies.
- After the general meeting, the TURFA Executive Committee will meet.

Planning for a Get-Together with the President and Provost

- This gathering with the Executive Committee will take place on Monday, November 14 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in AD340.
- The purpose of this meeting is to find out how we might be able to help each other.
- After thanking them for their support of TURFA, a presentation will be made regarding TURFA's purpose, what we have accomplished so far, and our future plans.
- Florence Newman will talk about our membership in AROHE and her attendance at the national conference.
- Topics we will discuss with them are among the following:
  - How to keep TURFA in the public eye
Requiring that emeriti faculty be maintained on departmental lists
Considering how best to get TURFA members involved in advising current students and faculty as needed
Creating a data base of retired adjunct faculty
Getting a TURFA representative as a voting member of the University Senate
Obtaining parking spaces once our facility opens in Enrollment Services
Discovering how best TURFA can mentor those faculty and librarians who are thinking about retirement
Inviting them to speak at the annual spring TURFA event and general meeting

Newsletter Report (Benner)
- The fall issue of The Advocate is finished.
- It should go online soon after which an announcement will be posted by Hillary Giddings.

Scholarship Committee Report (Larkin for Topping)
- The committee is awaiting further instructions from the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee has asked the Scholarship Committee to initially emphasize research grants to TURFA members, and to come to the EC with criteria and a protocol for administering these grants including criteria for qualifying applicants.

Programs and Events Committee (Newman)
- The 11-member committee met on October 5.
- Recent events were a tour of Evergreen House and attendance at a performance of "The Bluest Eye" in the TU Mainstage Theatre.
- In the past, the most successful events seem to be tours.
- The following ideas are being considered for the near future:
  - Tour of the Peabody Library
  - Tours of the Edgar Allen Poe House
  - "Freak Show" performance and discussion
  - Tour of the Greenmount Cemetery
  - Tour of the African-American Museum (Baltimore and/or Washington)
- Both the TURFA Writing Group and Reading Group are meeting regularly.

Note: The meeting was recessed at 3:35 p.m. to be continued at 4:00 p.m. on November 2 in the Auburn Pavilion.

Following the TURFA Fall Event (Auburn House Tea and Tour), the Executive Committee reconvened at 3:50 p.m.
Present: Annette Chappell, Martha Siegel, Ron Matlon, Fran Bond, Florence Newman, Peg Benner, Don Forester, Ellie Hofstetter, Mary T. Casterline, Hillary Giddings

Absent: Ray Castaldi, David Larkin, Joe Topping

Forty people attended the event at the Auburn House.

TURFA members will be eligible for one free complimentary ticket per regular season athletic event by showing their Retiree or Emeriti OneCard.

A discussion continued about the November 14 event (noted above).

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by Ronald J. Matlon, TURFA Secretary