Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - October 26, 2018 - Enrollment Services 207

Attending: Fran Bond, Martha Siegel, Tracy Miller, Ron Matlon, Ray Castaldi, Don Forester, David Larkin, Jane Wolfson, Peg Benner, Ellie Hofstetter, and Florence Newman

Committee Members Attending: Joseph Topping and Robert Hanson

Absent: Annette Chappell Patricia Alt, and Dominique Rainey

Guest: Nancy Dufau

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

Conversation with Nancy Dufau, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research

- This office can help TURFA members with funding for research projects.
- In turn, TURFA members may be available to do in-house peer reviews.
- TURFA's Research and Scholarship Committee would appreciate help from Dufau's office with funding research proposals from our members and also on how to administer TURFA grants through the University.
- TURFA's Fund-Raising Task Force might need guidance from Dufau's office as well.

Minutes of September 28, 2018 were approved.

President's Report (Bond)

- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Friday, November 30 at 1:00 p.m.
- Sixty-five people attended the Martha Kumar presentation; 30 of these people were TURFA members. Expenditures for this event were shared by the Provost's Office and TURFA.
- The annual Spring event will be held June 26, 2019. It will be a brunch for TURFA and all other faculty retirees. The location will be the South Campus Pavilion. Programs ideas should be discussed at the November Executive Committee meeting.
- The annual Fall event next year (2019) will be held in the South Campus Pavilion on October 10.
- TURFA members are invited to a Technology Tune-up on Friday, November 2 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at 7800 York Road, Room 305.
- A new TURFA Fund-Raising Task Force has been appointed by the President with Tracy Miller serving as chairperson. Members of this group are Peg Benner, Ellie Hofstetter, and David Larkin. Miller already met with the Development Office for advice and will meet with them and others in the near future to seek help in raising money primarily for TURFA's Oral History Project and Research & Scholarship Committee efforts.
- Dominique Rainey's TURFA responsibilities will be reviewed by the Provost's office in consultation with members of the TURFA Executive Committee.

Past-President's Report (Siegel)
Siegel met with the Council of Chairs and sought help in getting emeriti faculty listed on departmental websites. The response was encouraging, and TURFA should now monitor this matter.

A motion is being prepared to be sent to the University Senate regarding prescription benefits for retirees from the State of Maryland.

Treasurer’s Report (Castaldi)

- TURFA currently has $6,118 in its TU Foundation account with some bills outstanding.
- TURFA’s 2018-2019 membership now stands at 96.

Program and Events Committee (Wolfson)

- A theatre post-discussion is being arranged for TURFA members by John Manlove in early December.
- Jim Paulsen is arranging a tour of the Goddard Space Center scheduled for November 8.
- Possible Spring 2019 tours being considered are to the Walters Art Museum, Camden Yards, Ladew Gardens, the Visionary Art Museum, and Inner Harbor ships.

Oral History Task Force Project and Report on the AROHE National Conference (Forester)

- At the AROHE national conference in Atlanta in early October, display space for our oral history project was very small.
- Forester attended programs of interest to TURFA, and will report on them in the Spring 2019 issue of The Advocate.
- Forester recommends that TURFA send another participant to the 2020 AROHE conference.
- Forester talked to The Wisdom Institute people from UMBC, and they would like to host a get-together on their campus before the TU/UMBC basketball game on December 11. Details to follow.
- Forester will inquire as to whether or not the UMBC Wisdom Institute people might like to attend the next TURFA Executive Committee meeting.
- A link to the existing oral history videos is now in the Towson University Archives as well as being on the TURFA website.

Motion: To approve the Oral History Project as a TURFA standing committee. (Matlon) Seconded by Castaldi. Motion passes unanimously.

Newsletter Report (Newman)

- A link to The Advocate should be connected directly to the publication and not to the overall TURFA website.
- Information for the Spring 2019 newsletter is being sought.

Adjourned at 3:45 p.m. -- Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary