Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - November 30, 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, Florence Newman and Patricia Alt

Committee Members Attending: Joseph Topping and Robert Hanson

Absent: Annette Chappell and Dominique Rainey

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

Minutes of October 26, 2018 were approved.

President's Report (Bond)

- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Friday, January 11 at noon.
- The Technology Tune-Up session went extremely well. Of special interest was information coming from both the University Library and Parking Services. Another such session might be planned for Spring 2019.
- Bond, Siegel and Matlon discussed what is to be expected from the Provost's Office assistance to TURFA. A list of expectations was sent to the Provost's Office and the list was accepted by them.
- Martha Siegel will chair the next TURFA Nominating Committee. Members of the committee are Annette Chappell and Jim Dilisio. There are a number of vacancies effective July 1, 2019.
- The University Senate considered and endorsed a Medicare D proposal sent to them by TURFA. Martha Siegel attended the Senate meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Castaldi)

- TURFA currently has $4,828 in its TU Foundation account plus $175 more devoted to the Oral History Project.
- TURFA's 2018-2019 membership now stands at a record-high 98 paid members.
- A suggestion was made to reach out to retired adjuncts and soon-to-be-retired full-time faculty to join TURFA.
- Another discussion focused on approaching retired staff members to join TURFA.

Wisdom Institute (UMB C) Update (Forester)

- TURFA members are invited to UMBC for a reception and a TU/UMBC basketball game on December 11.
- At some point early in 2019, Wisdom Institute board members would like to engage in a dialogue with the TURFA Executive Committee on the TU campus.
Spring 2019 Event

- 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 were discussed and will be shared between President Bond and the Provost’s Office.

Program and Events Committee (Wolfson)

- A theatre post-discussion was arranged for TURFA members by John Manlove.
- On February 27 (weather permitting), there will be an arranged tour of Camden Yards for TURFA members.
- A guided tour of the Walters Art Gallery is being arranged by Robert Hanson for January or February 2019.
- Possible Spring 2019 tours being considered are to the Visionary Art Museum and the UMUC art collection. Bird walks and flower walks are being planned as well.

Research and Scholarship Committee (Larkin)

- Rules and regulations for obtaining retired faculty scholarships as well as an application form are forthcoming in the Spring 2019.

Oral History Task Force Project (Forester)

- All prior oral history videos are now online.
- A proposal to secure funding for the project was sent to the TU Foundation.
- Pending funding, three videos will be taped in Spring 2019 and three more in Fall 2019. These videos will cross several Colleges.

Fund-Raising Task Force (Miller)

- A meeting took place with Kathleen Hider of University Advancement to obtain funding ideas.
- Other campus-wide offices were contacted as to how they might make use of TURFA members (e.g., tutoring and advising).

Past-President's Report (Siegel)

- TURFA needs to keep track of what is happening in the legislature regarding prescription drug benefits for retirees.

Motion: To approve The Advocate Newsletter Editor’s Group as a TURFA standing committee. (Bond) Seconded by Matlon. Motion passed.
Faculty Development Center Advisory Board Report (Bond for Chappell)

- A position description will soon be posted and the next meeting of that Board is scheduled for February 19.

New Business

- TU's Office of Human Resources is being reorganized. Recent information about the re-organization contained nothing about retirees. TURFA should look into this matter.

Adjourned at 2:50 p.m. -- Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary