Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - January 11, 2019 - Enrollment Services 207

Attending: Fran Bond, Tracy Miller, Ron Matlon, Ray Castaldi, Don Forester, Jane Wolfson, Peg Benner, Ellie Hofstetter, Florence Newman and Patricia Alt

Committee Members Attending: Joseph Topping and Robert Hanson

Absent: Martha Siegel, Annette Chappell, David Larkin, and Dominique Rainey

Meeting called to order by President Bond at noon.

Minutes of November 30, 2018 were approved.

President's Report (Bond)

- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 13 at 1:00 p.m.
- 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. Bill Owens of 60 Minutes is the recommended speaker. Fran Bond will discuss this idea with the Provost's Office. If Mr. Owens is unable to accept, other possible invitees were suggested with Brian Stelter of CNN being a second choice. Under consideration for future speakers are Nancy Grasmick, Barbara Mikulski, Tom Hall, Pat Young and others.
- TU's Office of Human Resources will hold an open house on January 31 to discuss its re-organization including how it will handle retiree benefits.
- Another Technology Tune-Up session is being considered for Spring 2019.
- Tracy Miller will serve as the TURFA website overseer until another person is appointed at a later date. Dominique Rainey will maintain the website. But, content and layout changes will be sent to her by Miller. Everything that is placed on the website should go through Tracy Miller except for the Executive Committee approved minutes, which automatically get posted.
- The new Provost will be invited to meet with the TURFA Executive Committee in the spring.
- Representatives from the UMBC Wisdom Group will meet with TURFA on April 19.
- Bond wrote to the College Deans to get their lists of upcoming retirees. Invitations will be sent to them to join TURFA. Additional discussion followed about how to contact retiring and retired lecturers, adjuncts and staff.

Treasurer's Report (Castaldi)

- TURFA currently has a $5,188 cash balance 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 104 paid members. Of these, 23 new members registered this year. But, 11 members from FY 2017-18 remain unpaid for the current year.
Past-President's Report (Miller for Siegel)

- The University Senate unanimously endorsed TURFA's proposal to have the State Legislature reconsider the prescription drug policy for retirees.
- A new Provost has been appointed and will begin work on campus in February 2019.
- Tracy Jacobs, Director of Osher, announced that TURFA members will pay half-price through Spring 2019 for courses there.

Program and Events Committee (Wolfson)

- On February 11, the film "Voices of Baltimore" will be shown to TURFA members followed by a post-film discussion. This event will take place in Osher facilities.
- On February 27 (weather permitting), there will be an arranged tour of Camden Yards for TURFA members.
- On March 8, Jim Paulsen is arranging a guided tour of the Baltimore County Recycling Center.
- On April 2, Ron Matlon is arranging a guided tour of the UMUC Art Gallery.
- A guided tour of the Walters Art Gallery is being arranged by Robert Hanson for late April 2019.
- A possible theatre post-discussion of "Electric Baby" is being arranged for TURFA members by John Manlove.
- Motion: All programs and events are open to TURFA members and, if space allows, TURFA guests (made by R. Matlon; seconded by T. Miller; passed unanimously).

Oral History Task Force Project (Forester)

- Forester met with Brian DeFilippis concerning the grant proposal we submitted to the TU Foundation. That proposal was not one of those selected for funding. However, Institutional Advancement will work with TURFA in an attempt to get TU alumni involved in funding for our oral history project.
- Without funding, videos will be not be taped in Spring 2019. Once funding is secured, videos will resume and interviewees will be selected from across several Colleges excluding the Fisher College.

Adjourned at 2:15 p.m. -- Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary