Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - February 13, 2019 - Enrollment Services 207

Attending: Fran Bond, Tracy Miller, Ron Matlon, Don Forester, Martha Siegel, Jane Wolfson, Peg Benner, Florence Newman, Patricia Alt, David Larkin, and Dominique Rainey

Committee Member Attending: Robert Hanson

Absent: Ray Castaldi, Annette Chappell, and Ellie Hofstetter

Meeting called to order by President Bond at 1:07 p.m.

The meeting began with a visit from Julie Leary, OTS, regarding the Technology Tune-Up. The next such event will be scheduled for May 30 at 1:00 p.m. Some of the same topics will be repeated, but new ones can be added. An interest was expressed in covering topics such as phishing, security, the use of lynda, and comparing Virtual Workspace to OneDrive.

Minutes of January 11, 2019 (with edits from P. Benner) were approved.

President's Report (Bond)

- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Friday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m.
- The annual Spring event will be held June 28, 2019. (Note: This is a date change from what was announced in previous TURFA minutes.) 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 was contacted to be the guest speaker, but he respectfully declined. It was decided to invite someone in-house at TU to be the guest speaker(s). Individuals outside TU will be invited to be guest speakers for TURFA Fall events. Rodney Urand will be contacted to provide trivia entertainment for the program. The full program agenda was discussed.

- College Deans will provide names of 2018 and 2019 retiring faculty to us.
- TURFA membership invitations should be regularly sent to retired lecturers, adjuncts and staff inasmuch as they are included in the definition of "associate member" in the TURFA by-laws. They should be invited to the June 28 event. D. Rainey was asked to find out how we might contact them.
- The TURFA visit to Hidden Waters will take place in late May 2019 (probably on the afternoon of May 23). The Provost's Office will pay $100 for refreshments; TURFA will pay the remaining costs (approximately $450). The focus of this gathering will be on the history of the house as well as a tour of the grounds (weather permitting).
- The meeting with representatives from UMBC's Wisdom Institute is scheduled for April 19.
- The new Provost is to be invited to meet with some or all of the TURFA Executive Committee in the spring. D. Rainey was asked to find a date and time for this meeting.

**TURFA Website**

- T. Miller and D. Rainey recently met to discuss the website.
• The membership brochure on the site will be re-located to a better spot and D. Rainey will create an online membership form.
• **Motion:** To accept online credit card payments and pay the TU Foundation one dollar per payment (made by T. Miller, seconded by R. Matlon). Approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report (Castaldi)**

• TURFA currently has a $4,959.25 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 106 paid members. Of these, 234 new members registered this year. But, 10 members from FY 2017-18 remain unpaid for the current year.

**Past-President's Report (Siegel)**

• Legislation is now in both Houses of the State Legislature regarding retiree prescription benefits. Funding from the Governor is still an issue. T. Miller is going to Annapolis on February 14 to lobby for us.

**Oral History Task Force Project (Forester)**

• D. Forester and E. Hofsetter met with Dean Shoreh Kaynama of the College of Business. The dean offered the use of the College's videographer to film and edit the next interview as long as the interviewee was a retiree from that College. The interviewee will be selected in Spring 2019 with the interview scheduled shortly thereafter.
Program and Events Committee (Wolfson)

- The February 11 presentation of the film "Voices of Baltimore" was cancelled due to snow. It has been re-scheduled for February 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Osher facilities.
- The February 27 tour of Camden Yards for TURFA members has been cancelled, but may be re-scheduled for another date.
- On March 8, Jim Paulsen has arranged a guided tour of the Baltimore County Recycling Center. Contact him for details.
- On March 10, a theatre presentation and post-discussion of "Electric Baby" has been arranged for TURFA members by John Manlove. Tickets are available online.
- R. Matlon arranged a guided tour of the UMUC Art Gallery in Adelphi. Reservations should be made online by March 1.
- A guided tour of the Walters Art Gallery is being arranged by Robert Hanson for late April 2019.

Nominating Committee (Siegel)

- The committee is getting started and will make a call for nominations (including self-nominations) for four vacant Executive Committee positions.

Newsletter Report (Newman)

- The next issue of The Advocate will be delivered on or about April 1. Items for inclusion are needed by March 15. Discussion followed about what those items might be.
New Business

- Membership recruitment and renewals should be discussed at the next TURFA meeting. R. Matlon will prepare a report on this subject to be distributed before the March meeting.

Adjourned at 3:30 p.m. -- Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary