Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA) Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - September 28, 2018 - Enrollment Services 207

Attending: Fran Bond, Martha Siegel, Tracy Miller, Ron Matlon, Ray Castaldi, Don Forester, David Larkin, Jane Wolfson, and Dominique Rainey

Guest Committee Members Attending: Jim Paulsen, Joseph Topping, Patricia Alt, and Robert Hanson

Absent: Peg Benner, Annette Chappell, Ellie Hofstetter, and Florence Newman

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

Minutes of August 24, 2018 were approved.

President's Report (Bond)

- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Friday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m. Nancy Dufau will be our guest that day.
- Other possible guests to be invited to a meeting were discussed.
- The Medicare Part D issue was once again discussed.
- 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.
- An update from OTS is needed regarding notifications to retirees regarding their access to TU technology.
- Dominique Rainey will be assuming fewer TURFA responsibilities as part of her work assignment in the Provost's office.

Fall 2018 Event (Bond)

- It will be held on Wednesday, October 10 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at the Auburn House tent facility (the Pavilion).
- As of today, 76 people (36 of them TURFA members) plan to attend. Tickets will be needed.
- Martha Kumar is the invited guest speaker. She will talk about the U.S. Presidency from her perspective.
- Following her speech, there will be a reception and TURFA business meeting for TURFA members only in the Auburn House. The reception is to be paid for by TURFA.

Membership Recruitment Report (Matlon)

- An e-mail was sent on September 14 to about 30 people who were once TURFA members, but have not re-joined for 2018-19.
- They were asked to either re-join or complete a 2-question survey as to why they were not re-joining and what TURFA should be doing in the future.
- Some did re-join; no answers to the questionnaire were returned.
• Executive Committee members then volunteered to contact some of these people personally.

Treasurer's Report (Castaldi)

• TURFA currently has $6,119.89 in its TU Foundation account.
• TURFA's 2018-2019 membership now stands at 92. (Note: The total membership in the 2017-18 fiscal year was 83. The current membership is the largest TURFA has seen.)

Past-President’s Report (Siegel)

• A note was sent to Acting Provost Vanko and Associate Provost Reitz about attending a Council of Chairs meeting to discuss the inclusion of emeriti faculty on departmental websites.
• AAUP started a discussion with TURFA about salaries for hiring emeriti faculty as part-time instructors. The matter is being discussed in the Fisher College at present. A resolution was sent by TURFA to AAUP to move this idea forward.
• Pat Alt is attending University Senate meetings and will report on them to TURFA. (At this point, Alt distributed a written report on the last such meeting.) A vote on the new Academic Senate will probably take place in Spring 2019.
• The ad for a new Provost is now online. Semi-finalists will be chosen by the end of October. After that, four of them will be invited to campus for interviews.
• A further inquiry will be made regarding the status of TU's ART document.

Program and Events Committee (Wolfson)

• A request was made by Miller and approved by the Executive Committee to change the date of the spring event from June 20 to June 26, 2019.
• Discussion about what kind of future events should be planned and how the planning should take place.
• No specific dates for future events has been set.
• Theatre post-discussions could be arranged for TURFA members at various TU theatre events.
• Jim Paulsen is arranging a tour of the Goddard Space Center.

Research and Scholarship Committee (Larkin)

• The committee will approach the TU grants office to get ideas about raising money for awards.

Oral History Task Force Project (Forester)

• Forester will make a presentation on this project at the AROHE national conference in Atlanta in early October. While there, he will attempt to get ideas about funding such projects.
• The cost for producing each video is approximately $1,500. None have been scheduled yet for this autumn.
• In addition, Forester will talk to The Wisdom Institute people from UMBC about TURFA.

Adjourned at 3:20 p.m. -- Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary