Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA)

Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - September 17, 2019 - Enrollment Services 207

Attending: Tracy Miller, Fran Bond, Ron Matlon, Don Forester, Martha Siegel, Ray Castaldi, Peg Benner, Jim Paulsen, Patricia Alt, David Larkin, and Jim Anthony

Committee Member Attending: Robert Hanson

Absent: Ellie Hofstetter, Florence Newman, Annette Chappell, Jane Wolfson

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

Minutes of August 20, 2019, were approved.

Academic Senate Report (Anthony)

- The first meeting of the year was rather routine.
- Emeriti status was given to retiring faculty, and the names were given to R. Matlon, who is working on getting emeriti listed on departmental websites.
- A discussion took place about full-time faculty retirees being hired with adjunct 2 or adjunct 3 status. No vote was taken.
- M. Siegel suggested that TURFA pursue this matter both with AAUP and the Provost.
President's Report (Miller)

• The next Executive Committee meeting will be held October 15 at 1:30 p.m. Helen Dunn from Human Resources will join us to discuss retiree benefits.
• There will be another Tech Tune-up in November.
• Miller, Matlon, and Forester will meet with the President and Provost on November 12 to discuss the Oral History Project, retiree salaries as adjuncts, and other matters.
• The annual retiree brunch is scheduled for June 12, 2020, tentatively set in the Minnegan Room.
• TURFA members will be invited to join people from UMBC's Wisdom Institute in a SECU Arena suite before and during the TU/UMBC basketball game. This event is on the evening of December 10.
• The annual TURFA Fall lecture will be held this October 10. Invitations are currently being prepared. It will be held in the South Campus Pavilion from 2-4 p.m.
• The Miller letter to those who have not re-joined TURFA, but were prior members within the last three years, is to be mailed soon. This constitutes 48 people. At the October Executive Committee meeting, the names from among this group who have not yet joined will be distributed to EC members to make follow-up contacts to get renewals and/or find out why they have not re-joined.
• T. Miller and D. Larkin will meet with Maggie Reitz in the near future to secure clarification as to possible restrictions on TURFA's Research and Scholarship grants.
Treasurer's Report (Castaldi)

- TURFA currently has 101 members including 16 new ones.
- TURFA has an account balance of $7,332.31, with an additional $4,248.38 in the Oral History Project Committee fund and $585 in the Research and Scholarship Committee fund.
- A membership table is to be set up at the October 10 event.

Past-President's Report (Bond)

- The search for someone in the Provost's office to replace D. Rainey is under way. There were 12 applications for the position. Six were interviewed. The search committee narrowed the list to 3 people, and then submitted the names to Maggie Reitz.
- FACE has been re-named FACET (Faculty Academic Center for Excellence at Towson). They will have an open house from noon to 2 p.m. on October 15. Patricia Westerman is the Director of FACET.
- The search committee for a Graduate Dean met once to prepare a job description. Interviews will begin in October.

Programs and Events Committee (Paulsen)

- A tour through the Visionary Arts Museum in Baltimore is scheduled for October 25 at 1:00 p.m. RSVPs go to J. Paulsen.
- Other programs and events for the future were discussed.
Oral History Task Force Project (Forester)

- R. Castaldi was interviewed by A. Chappell, and the video is under review by those involved.
- This fall, J. Pilardi will be interviewed by P. Benner; G. Hahn will be interviewed by D. Forester; A. Chappell will be interviewed by R. Castaldi.

Research and Scholarship Committee (Larkin)

- The committee is unable to move forward at this time until possible student involvement in projects is resolved.

Legislative Issues (Alt)

- Nothing will change in the year ahead regarding retiree prescription benefits.
- The court case on this matter is still under review.

Emeriti Search and Recognition (Matlon)

- A list of emeriti faculty currently on department websites has been prepared.
- A list of all faculty retirees, along with ways to contact them, has been secured.
- E. Hofstetter is perusing University Senate minutes in order to prepare a list of all faculty who have obtained emeriti status.
- The Hofstetter list will be referenced against the other two lists noted above in order to get a final document identifying all the emeriti faculty not currently found on department websites.
• Once that final document has been prepared, TURFA should elicit support from the Provost's Office to get all emeriti faculty identified on the departmental sites.

Financial Planning Task Force (Castaldi)

• A document was distributed and discussed at length. The document focuses mainly on having annual budgets as well as when and how to consider dues increases.
• The task force (Castaldi, Matlon and Siegel) is to consider this discussion and return to the October meeting with a revised document.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. -- Submitted by Ron Matlon, Acting TURFA Secretary