Towson University Retired Faculty Association (TURFA)

Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes - March 29, 2019 - Enrollment Services 207

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

Committee Member Attending: Joe Topping

Absent: Ellie Hofstetter

Meeting called to order by President Bond at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes of February 13, 2019 were approved.

President's Report (Bond)

- The TURFA visit to Hidden Waters will take place on June 3 from 2:30-5:00 p.m. It will be a tour of the house, garden and artifacts. The Provost's Office will pay $100 for refreshments. Other costs were discussed.
- The meeting with representatives from UMBC's Wisdom Institute is scheduled for April 25 at 2:00 p.m.
- A Technology Tune-Up will be held on May 30 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. There will be an advance registration required. An agenda was discussed.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.
• A meeting between some of the Executive Committee members and new Provost Melanie Perrault was held on March 28. It was quite productive.
• The South Pavilion has been reserved on October 10 for a TURFA Fall event. Program ideas and speakers were discussed. It was decided that TURFA would have two fall meetings - one with a guest speaker where the public was invited to attend; a second one just for TURFA members for our semi-annual business meeting along with some form of entertainment.
• A letter and follow-up e-mail were sent by President Bond to the Council of Adjunct Faculty in order to try to get retired adjuncts to join TURFA. A brief discussion followed regarding the possible recruitment of retired staff into TURFA.
• President Bond has asked for a list of 2019 retirees so she can send them notes on behalf of TURFA.

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.

Nominating Committee Report (Siegel)

• The committee members are Annette Chappell and Jim Dilisio. They, along with chairperson Martha Siegel, are seeking nominations (including self-nominations) for four vacant Executive Committee positions.
• Discussion followed as to whether or not photographs and statements of the candidates will be required.
Past-President's Report (Siegel)

- TURFA must select someone to serve as a representative (and perhaps someone else also as an alternate) to the Academic Senate beginning next autumn.
- The Nominating Committee was asked to find nominees.
- Ron Matlon and Martha Siegel will draft a by-law amendment for an Academic Senate election process, and will bring this proposal to the April Executive Committee meeting. The suggested by-law amendment will have to go to the full membership at the June 28 TURFA business meeting.

Membership Recruiting and Renewals Report (Matlon)

- A written report on the history of this matter was presented to the Executive Committee.
- Motion: To have the President appoint a task force to develop a detailed TURFA membership recruitment and renewal campaign plan to go into effect in Spring 2019. The report should take into account all previous membership drive efforts. The plan should be distributed by e-mail to the Executive Committee by no later than May 1 in order for the report to be approved by the EC at its May 2019 meeting.
  (Made by R. Matlon, Seconded by A. Chappell. Motion passed unanimously.)
- Ron Matlon will chair this task force. Members include Peg Benner, Ray Castaldi, David Larkin, Dominique Rainey and Jane Wolfson.
**Programs and Events Committee (Wolfson)**

- Ron Matlon has arranged a guided tour of and transportation to the UMUC Art Gallery in Adelphi on April 2. Fifteen people are registered to go on this trip.
- On March 10, a theatre presentation and post-discussion of "Electric Baby" was a successful event for TURFA members arranged by John Manlove.
- In May, David Larkin will arrange for another bird-watching walk for TURFA members and their guests.

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

- D. Forester and P. Benner 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. The interviewee selected in Spring 2019 will be Ray Castaldi. He will be interviewed by Annette Chappell.
- A TU history professor who teaches oral history-making may want to get involved in this TURFA project.
- The committee is still looking for ongoing funding to support this project. An approach will be made to the College of Deans asking them for their support.

**Research and Scholarship Committee (Larkin)**

- The committee is unable to move forward without funding to do so.
- **Motion: To grant $500 from the TURFA Foundation account to this committee for making awards during the 2019-2020 fiscal year.**
(Made by T. Miller. Seconded by R. Castaldi. Motion passed unanimously.)

**Website Updates (Miller)**

- The Executive Committee is asked to review and comment on recent updates to the TURFA website.
- Implementing credit card payments on the site has become a bit complicated, but will still be pursued.

**Newsletter Report (Newman)**

- Final materials for the Spring 2019 issue of The Advocate are being gathered. The next issue will be published in April.

**Spring 2019 Event**

- The annual Spring event will be held June 28, 2019. It will be a brunch for TURFA and all other faculty retirees.
- An information booth will be set up to distribute TURFA brochures and answer questions.
- The full program agenda was discussed, and a guest speaker will soon be invited to attend.

**New Business**

- Middle States accreditation for TU has begun. Fran Bond will investigate whether or not TURFA can be involved in this process.

Adjourned at 3:15 p.m. -- Submitted by Ron Matlon, TURFA Secretary