

Wright State University Retirees Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 4, 2013

Board members present: Abe Bassett, Gary Barlow, Marlene Bireley, Sally Clayton, Peggy Bott, Mary Gromosiak, Amy Hopkins, Rich Johnson, Mary Kenton, Leone Low, Gary Pacernick, Gerry Petrak, Judy Rose, Blair Rowley, Jim Sayer, Lew Shupe, Carol Stevenson, Bob Wagley, Gail Whitaker and Paul Wolfe

Absent: Donna Curtin

President Abe Bassett called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The minutes of the August 7 meeting were approved after some minor corrections.

President: Abe Bassett made the following announcements:

1. Congratulated Mary Gromosiak for a successful "Make your Own Fiesta" picnic, 24 people attended. He also noted that Sally Clayton's husband, a professional photographer, took a series of excellent group photos.
2. The Welcome Center Grand Opening in the Student Union is this afternoon, Sept. 4.
3. The events calendar was distributed.
4. The current Chairs of Standing Committees were appointed to continue as Chairs for the 2013-14 year.
5. Facebook's WSURA page has been established but is not in proper working order.
6. The DDN reported that the Newman Center has been recognized as an outstanding design. It is a possible site for future WSURA events.
7. The Ad Hoc Committee on Website Content has met and assignments made for verifying the accuracy of content. He asked the members to email their changes to him.

Vice President: Jim Sayer provided information on fall 2013 enrollment. It is down .03% and is 2000 less than less than in 2011. There has been a decrease of 37,000 credit hours as compared to 2011. One of the main reasons for the decline is a decrease in retention. Current retention is at 61%. Every College except for ENCS has lost enrollment. There are 500 empty beds in the resident halls.

Treasurer: Gail Whitaker distributed the Treasurer report. In response to a question, Gail reported that the student worker would work 15 hours a week. Her work schedule will be posted as soon as her class schedule is finalized. There are no longer any step increases for student workers, their wages will only be increased if they assumed additional responsibilities and their position changes.

Communications: Marlene Bireley reported that The Extension should be in our mail by the end of the week. She also stated that Amy Hopkins has been designated as the voting member of the Communications Committee. The Committee Chair may do this without Board approval according to the by-laws.

Past President: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities: Mary Gromosiak reported that the Dayton Philharmonic has yet to announce their rehearsal dates but she will keep trying to contact them. It will not be possible to attend the WSU play, "Harvey", since we would have to buy the tickets prior to knowing who would attend. She will pass around a sign-up sheet for the Oct. 9 Woodland Cemetery Tour to be followed by lunch at Coco's. The next President Lecture series will be David Frum on Nov. 14, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Student Union. She will continue to work with Gary Barlow on setting up a tour of Calamity Village. Also she and Mary Kenton will continue to work together on arranging a basketball game. Abe said that she should decide on a date and check with the Alumni Office. We would get 12 free tickets and it would be a way to start our relationship with the Alumni Office.

By-Laws/Elections: Judy Rose said she would start in January asking board members to be President Elect for 2014-15. If no one agrees to do this than she may have to look outside the board for a candidate

Historical Preservation: Lew Shupe reported that records for 2009 have been transferred to Archives. He asked if we would be interested in having Chris Wydman, WSU Archivist address the Board. There seemed to be agreement that this was a good idea but no decision was made as to when he would come. Lew thanked Paul Wolfe for his interview and said he would try and interview other folks from Science and Engineering. He also said that he hope to interview Steve Simon when he was on campus for Jeff **Vernooy's** memorial service.

Membership: Gerry Petrak thanked the members who volunteered to help with the Health Fair.

PETRAK MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE COST OF PRINTING 500 BROCHURES.
GARY BARLOW SECONDED THE MOTION.

Abe asked if she could check to see if outside printers such as Kinko's would be cheaper. Carole Stevenson said that the university printing service is very competitive. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OCHER: Rich Johnson said there would be a meeting in two weeks.

Scholarship: Paul Wolfe has given Marlene information on the scholarship recipients for the Extension. Marlene will invite them to the December luncheon

Sunshine Committee: Marlene reported that Jeff Vernooy, Director, Office of Disability Services and Beverly "Bunnie" Gaw Byrum Robinson, Professor, Communications, COLA have died. There will be a memorial service for Jeff later in the fall.

LIAISONS REPORTS

Athletic Council: Mary Kenton reported that Athletics Council held its first meeting on Friday, August 30 in the Student Union. Much of the meeting was organizational, explaining and forming subcommittees. Over the summer, baseball coach Rob Cooper took the head-coaching job at Penn State. This means that we will also lose Sr. Associate Director and Senior Woman Administrator, Maureen Cooper. She will continue in her present position until June. The Horizon League is still looking for another member school. As things stand now, WSU has lost its travel partner (Butler), and we would like a school a little nearer to us. The men's basketball team is expected to be picked to finish number one in the league. Bob Grant worries that this will make scheduling even harder.

Library: Gary Barlow will meet next week with Stephen Foster to discuss FOL/ WSURA joint programs. He also **distributed brochures with details on four workshops being offered by the library.**

International Club: Bob Wagley has not yet been informed of what international faculty will be on campus this fall. There are 20 international students, 16 will be here just for fall quarter and the other 4 will be here for the year. He will try and arrange a meeting with these students. He is not sure if the previously announced welcome party for international students to be held Friday, Sept. 6 is going to happen but will let us know as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

Officers Description Review: Gail Whitaker reported that the Ad Hoc committee had met once to begin reviewing job descriptions and will meet one more time to finalize revisions and will send them to the Board to be discussed at the next meeting. Abe asked Paul Wolfe to send the committee procedures for selecting scholarship recipients. It was pointed out that what is being revised is a procedures manual, not by-laws. Gary Barlow reported that Friends of the Library have decided to have a permanent WSURA Board member and asked if we need to change our by-laws to reflect this. It was decided that the by-laws need not be changed but the description of the Library Liaison include "will serve on the FOL Board at their pleasure".

Jim Sayer will ask the Alumni Office if WSURA should have a liaison with their office.

NEW BUSINESS

Amy Hopkins stated that anyone who will be using the office computer needs their own account and gave application forms to those who will need their own account.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am so we could hear from COLA Dean, Dr. Kristin Sobolik.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: **Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 10:00am.** Guest speaker will be Dean Joanne Li, Raj Soin College of Business.

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Submitted by Peggy Bott for Donna Curtin,
WSURA Board Secretary