

November 3, 2021, WSURA Board Meeting

Present: Sheryl Provens, Judi Engle, Gary Barlow, Kathy Morris, Joyce Howes, Peggy Bott, Dan Abrahamowicz, Richard Williams, Mary Gromosiak

Absent: Betty Kangas, Jerry Alter, Donna Schlagheck, Robin Suits

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as corrected.

President's Report – Judi Engle

Judi met with Brandi Foster, the manager of the Foundation. A firm has looked at the building to take over the second floor. If anything happens, it will probably be in 8-12 months. Brandi will meet with the board in the spring.

The meeting with President Edwards and Greg Sample was very amicable. The president was not aware of OCHER or our oral historical project. WSURA had three requests for the president: 1) that HR provide us with quarterly lists of new retirees, 2) that we be given space on campus if we are forced to leave the Foundation Building, and 3) that we once again be given parking passes. Dick complimented Judi on her presentation to the president and felt that we made progress on all the issues.

Carol Loranger, Interim Provost for Faculty, is our new administration contact.

President Edwards brought up that at Appalachian State retirees are given a retirees' email account. Greg Sample will investigate this with CATs.

Past President's Report – Dan Abrahamowicz – no report

Secretary's Report – Gail Whitaker – no report

Treasurer's Report – Sheryl Provens

Ryan Black and Diane French will assist Sheryl with any payments that need to be made.

The balances in our accounts are as follows:

University account	\$ 5,509.66
Dues Account	19,355.21
Nick Davis Endowment	116,901.91
Spendable Scholarship Acct.	4,488.08
Patron Fund	1,930.41

Communications Coordinator – Mary Kenton

An *Extension* will come out in January.

Activities – Mary Gromosiak

A very successful lunch was held this month at Jimmie's Ladder 11 followed by a walking tour of the Woodland Cemetery.

There will be a tour of Carillon Park on November 9.

There will be a Zoom presentation sometime during the third week of November with Dr. Dawn Wooley and Dr. Glen Solomon regarding the COVID pandemic. Dr. Wooley will speak about the virus itself and Dr. Solomon will speak about clinical care.

We have no contract yet for the Berry Room for our spring luncheon and we should start working on arranging for a speaker.

Joyce Howes will contact the Beavercreek Wetlands Association about a presentation next year to our board and hopefully we will plan a walking tour when the weather improves.,

Bylaws and Elections – Joyce Howes – no report

Membership Development - Judi Engle

We received a list of people who retired from 7/20 through 9/21. There are 47 new retirees. Judi will send a letter to each one inviting them to join WSURA.

OCHER – Peggy Bott – no report for OPERS

OCHER – Dick Williams for STRS

At their October board meeting STRS approved a \$300 healthcare rebate to all members that should be disbursed in their November checks. ExpressScripts formulary is adding a new drug tier which should make some specialty drugs less expensive. Out of pocket expense has been reduced from \$6500 to \$5100/year. There will be a small reduction in the dental premium. The healthcare Fund is at \$5B, up from \$3.9B last year. Cerion recommends that the COLA not be reinstated until after a 5-year review.

Remembrance – Peggy Bott

All recent deaths are posted on our Web Site.

Scholarships – Jerry Alter - no report

Alumni Affairs – Richard Williams – no report

Friends of the Libraries – Gary Barlow

“Through Vincent’s Eyes” will be presented at the Columbus Museum of Art from November 12 through February 6. Advance tickets are required.

Athletics Council – Dan Abrahamowicz and Mary Kenton

They held a meeting on October 22. They are still searching for a new chair. Their constitution will have to be rewritten to allow someone other than a faculty member to act as chair. Mary and Dan will meet with Susan Carafolo to share their ideas.

Old Business

The Annual Report that Judi prepared for President Edwards is posted on our Web Site. Our December meeting will be in-person with a lunch following the meeting. Gail will make arrangements to have Panera deliver. Members should bring donations for the Food Pantry to our meeting.

New Business

We had a lengthy discussion about making a financial commitment to the Raider Food Pantry and the possibility of placing a donation bin in the Foundation Office.

Kathy Morris moved that WSURA support the efforts of the Raider Food Pantry to address food insecurity within the student population and enable individuals to focus on their academic priorities. To that end, WSURA will identify a volunteer liaison to the Food Pantry, and provide an annual gift, **the amount of which will be recommended and approved at the start of the university's fiscal year. The WSURA dues fund will be used for this purpose.** WSURA also encourages and accepts donations of non-perishable food at all sponsored events and meetings. Donors may refer to the list of desired items on the website (<https://www.wright.edu/student-affairs/student-resources/raider-food-pantry>). Just as WSURA encourages member contributions in support of scholarship initiatives, the organization also **encourages members to contribute gifts earmarked for the Food Pantry. Contributions may be made via the Wright State University Foundation's online giving website. Checks may be made payable to the WSU Foundation with "Raider Food Pantry" designation in the memo line.** Seconded by Joyce Howes. MOTION CARRIED

Gail Whitaker moved that we make an initial donation of \$500 immediately and review the amount at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Seconded by Kathy Morris. MOTION CARRIED.

Kathy Morris volunteered to act as liaison to the Raider Food Pantry.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on the motion of Dan Abrahamowicz and second of Joyce Howes.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Whitaker, Secretary