

WSURA Board Minutes

10.03.2018

Present: Marlene Bireley, Mary Kenton, Joyce Howes, Sheryl Provens, Donna Schlagheck, Dick Williams, Gary Barlow, Carol Stevenson, Ruth Schumacher, Dan Abrahamowicz, Gary Pacernick, Larry Prochaska, Robin Suits, Peggy Bott, Gail Whitaker

Absent: Abe Bassett ,Mary Gromosiak

President Howes called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The Board approved the minutes for the meeting of September 2018.

1. Director of Planned Giving, University Development: **Bill Bigham**

- a. Presented WSURA giving update
- b. Nick Davis fund (relatives of WSU retirees)
 1. Goal is \$100,000; fund is now at \$93,000
 2. WSURA Board approved student experiential fund (e.g., travel, conference attendance) once Nick Davis scholarship is fully funded.
- c. Telephone calling: 4 WSURA board members have signed up; date to be determined. Interested WSURA members please contact Joyce Howes to volunteer or with questions.

2. **Dan Abrahamowicz**

- a. Introduced Kathy Morris as a guest to the October Board Meeting

3. **President's Report** (including Executive Committee Report): **Joyce Howes**

- a. Discussion re thinking ahead to nominating potential members for those Board members who will soon be resigning. Joyce shared a brain stormed list of potential members, developed by the Executive Committee. Board members encouraged to forward nominations to Gail Whitaker.
- b. The Raider Center desk needs volunteers (due to reduction in staffing) for large events (e.g., Saturday events). Raiders for Life is a suggested name for those WSURA members who might want to staff the desk one date, 2-3 hrs, every 2 or 3 months. Board members are encouraged to consider this matter.
 1. Name badges--introduced as an idea
 2. The Board discussed the idea of opening up the request for volunteers to all WSU retirees; Robin Suits asked to develop a procedure to publicize request.
- c. Professional photographs
 1. To be taken at the November meeting
 2. Joyce to attain room and photographer
- d. WSURA placard by the elevator in the Foundation Bldg—Joyce to follow up
- e. President of WSU is scheduled to attend the Board's November meeting
- f. Follow up discussion re request for WSURA goals for the year
- g. Parking passes-Joyce talked with Kathy Warden who is supportive of the Board request for passes.
 1. 500 people have requested free parking passes
 2. The Board request is under consideration

4. **President Elect: Larry Prochaska**

- a. Congratulations on the new e-newsletter
- b. High praise for Gary Barlow's workshop

5. **Past President: Donna Schlagheck**

- a. Dayton Foundation: 6 fellowships available, several of which might be of interest to WSURA (notes from Donna; article coming from Donna)

1. Donna will invite the new VP at the Dayton Foundation to attend a future Board meeting
2. Submitted report below

Presented information re the Dayton Foundation's fund (DMH-fund) to connect retired or career-transitioning older adults with non-profit initiatives that benefit the greater Dayton Community. Currently 6 active fellowships, including 3 newest ones:

1. Dayton Metro Library to establish a sustainable, volunteer-led Homework Help afterschool program
2. National Conference for Community and Justice to research demands for diversity and inclusion training
3. St. Mary Development Corporation to research the capacity for technology to improve health care access

6. Secretary: Ruth Schumacher

a. No report

- b. Ruth noted that an update 2pg current status report was sent to all Board members, 7.27.18
- c. UCIE October 2018 Report below

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7. Treasurer: Sheryl Provens

- a. Report summarized orally
- b. Submitted report below

**Wright State University Retirees Association
Treasurer's Report
As of September 30, 2018**

190000/218406 WSURA Unallocated General Fund September 2018 Activity		992445/218406 WSURA Dues Fund September 2018 Activity	
Balance August 31, 2018	\$ 16,048.39	Balance August 31, 2018	\$ 15,278.94
September Net Activity	\$ (562.00)	September Net Activity	\$ 50.00
Balance September 30, 2018	\$ 15,486.39	Balance September 30, 2018	\$ 15,328.94
Income:		Income:	
		Dues (Renewals)	\$ 25.00
		Dues (New Members)	\$ 25.00
Total Income	\$ -	Total Income	\$ 50.00
Expenses:		Expenses:	
Student Wages:			
14-Sep	\$ 220.00		
28-Sep	\$ 242.00		
Memberships:			
OCHER Annual Dues	\$ 100.00		
Total Expenses	\$ 562.00	Total Expenses	\$ -
Total Fund Change	\$ (562.00)	Total Fund Change	\$ 50.00

8. Communications: Mary Kenton

- a. Retiree Service Awards report presented—list of brain stormed ideas from the working committee
 1. The committee will communicate nomination procedure to the larger community, request nominations in January, with March 15 deadline for nomination letters
 2. awards to be distributed at the spring luncheon
 3. expenses: lunch purchased lunch and plaque
- b. submitted report below:

Lew Shupe and Rich Johnson Awards

For service to:

WSURA

WSU

Community

Profession—either scholarly activity or other professional service

The call for nominations will go out early in January. Preliminary publicity will go out later this fall. The deadline for nominations is March 15. The awards will be presented at the spring luncheon. Both the Shupe and the Johnson families will be notified that their family member is being honored. Each recipient will receive a plaque and a life membership in WSURA if applicable.

9. Activities: Gail Whitaker reporting for Mary Gromosiak

- a. Various activity sign-up sheets distributed to members
- b. Submitted report and event announcements sent to all board members

Date: 10/25/18 Dayton Hollywood Harness Racing and Dinner
5:30 pm order from selected menu

RSVP: 10/21/18 6 pm Harness Racing begins

Date: 10/31/18 Paul R. Leonard, J.D., to lead lively discussion on 2018 midterm elections

RSVP: 10/26/18 1 pm - Bring a brown-bag lunch

Date: 11/11/18 George Gershwin's musical comedy, "Crazy for You"
2 pm – Matinee

RSVP: 10/19/18 Payment due with order.

Date: 12/9/18 Dining-in Brunch hosted by Sharon & Abe Bassett

Time: 11 am Mark your calendars! Invitation to be sent in late October.

RSVP: 12/1/18 Responses to be sent directly to Sharon Bassett

Date: 1/12 or 13/2019

Dining-out Brunch

Gail Whitaker to take vote count for preference of Saturday or Sunday brunch

Date: TBD WSU Men's Basketball Game – January or February
P.S. A flyer for our next three events will be sent around for you to sign on the reverse side if you plan to attend.

Mary Gromosiak

10. Bylaws & Elections: Gail Whitaker

- a. Revisions to bylaws will be considered at the November meeting

11. Historical Preservation: Dan Abrahamowicz

- a. Submitted report below

Dan Abrahamowicz noted that the interview with Mary Kenton is not available for viewing on line.

Donna Schlagheck's interview is completed and is in production for future viewing.

12. Membership: Marlene Bireley (report submitted)

- a. Barlow workshops drew outstanding evaluations
- b. Submitted report below

Membership Report
October 2018

The Health Fair has been cancelled for this year because of staff reductions in HR. They intend to resume it next year.

The Live and Learn Art Workshop was very successful with ten participants. The second session will be held at the Dayton Art Institute on October 4.

13. OCHER: Peggy Bott

POCHER September 25, 2018 - OPERS

Since there was not a representative from OPERS at the meeting, I have little to report. The President and members agreed that we should have representatives from OPERS at future meetings. The President did talk about the number of inactive members in both OPERS and STRS. In 2017, 50% of OPERS members were inactive which means they were not paying into OPERS pension fund. The main reason for folks being inactive is that they have selected an Alternate Retirement Plan which probably is a defined contribution plan, OPERS is a defined benefit program. This is worrisome since the active members are paying for if not our current pension than certainly our future benefits.

At our last meeting, Dan A asked how OPERS managed to save 12 billion dollars from the 2016 changes to health care benefits. I called OPERS and they said most of the savings came from significant cuts to spouse benefits and no longer paying for Express Scripts for all members. It is one of the more expensive drug programs. AS you probably noticed in the last newsletter, OPERS contribution to our Health Care Allowance is being reduced.

I will be going to an OPERS workshop on Health Care Changes for Medicare recipients and will let you know if I learn anything that is significant

Bowling Green University

The new President is Dr. Randy K. Rogers who was previously Provost and prior to that, Dean of The School of Business. There are no noticeable changes on Campus. Dr. Rogers seems to be getting along fairly well with the Union.

Tuition increased by 5.9% this fall, it will stay the same for incoming freshmen for the next four years.

Enrollment increased by 1%. They have pushed distant learning and retention. Their current retention rate is 77%.

International enrollment increased by 18% this fall. This follows a real decrease the last year.

14. Scholarships: Gary Pacernick (absent)

15. Sunshine: Peggy Bott

- a. Xmas cash gift for student assistant: board encouraged to bring \$5 each to the next meeting
- b. Deaths reported
- c. Dec luncheon money will be collected from Board members at the next meeting; motion made and approved for any shortfall to be paid from the dues fund up to \$100
- d. Submitted report below

Sunshine Report

Deaths:

James E. Brandeberry, PhD, September 7, 2018, Founding Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science

John Thomas Holm, September 13, 2018, Director of Math Learning Center

John William Ellison, September 11, 2018, Member of Founding Staff and Librarian

A Get Well card was send to Carl Beck who is undergoing heart procedures

16. Webmaster: Robin Suits

- a. Report distributed
- b. Submitted report sent to all board members

News for Wright State University Retirees, Sept. 2018

E-newsletter sent on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018 at 12:15 am EDT

905 Active Contacts

497 Opens — 55%

191 Unique clicks — 38.4%

2 Unsubscribed

Click-through links	Page	Unique Clicks	Distribution
https://www.wright.edu/retirees-association/in-memoriam	In Memoriam	70	27.60%
https://www.wright.edu/retirees-association/news/article/group-proposes-building-retiree-housing-on-campus	Retiree housing on campus	62	24.40%

Facebook posts	3	11									
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August 2018 Highlights

Posted a link to the story about *The Extension* on Facebook, which contributed to 30 downloads of the PDF. Three of the top 10 hits on the website were to news about the faculty strike.

Google Analytics for August 2018

Page	Page Views	Unique Pageviews	Avg time on page	Bounce rate
All pages	2,293	1,646	2:26	59.5%
Home	449	229	1:44	16.0%
In Memoriam	139	115	2:31	45.3%
News: AAUP-WSU announces tentative strike date	95	77	5:31	73.5%
Obituaries	92	55	1:16	33.3%
Videos	82	36	2:53	66.7%
News & Announcements	73	44	2:00	33.3%
DDN: Wright State faculty union threatens to strike	64	55	6:09	60.6%
DDN: WSU president addresses concerns about a faculty strike	64	57	3:30	62.5%
WSURA board members	44	36	7:43	70.6%
<i>The Extension</i>	44	30	3:13	5.6%

July 2018 Highlights

Added 3 Facebook posts with links to News stories. Changed menu to move *The Extension* and Student Scholarships to the top level. Modified names of sections in effort to clarify content areas. Added photos to several pages. Beefed up Activities & Service page to include lists of past activities. Created alias for the website URL: wright.edu/wsura.

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All pages	2,230	1,542	1:48	61%
Home	315	146	1:47	10.7%
News & Announcements	163	113	0:50	45.8%
Obituaries	89	66	0:59	37.5%
In Memoriam	82	66	1:56	60%
News: Howes donates kidney	57	57	9:33	89.1%
<i>The Extension</i>	46	20	4:07	66.7%
Board members	44	36	6:34	71.4%
DDN: Nagy takes Raiders to Haiti	35	27	2:48	76.1%
News: OPERS COLA raise	33	25	1:03	76.5%
DDN: Salaries for top 10 at WSU	31	28	1:35	62.5%

17. Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams

- a. No report

18. Friends of the Libraries: Gary Barlow

- a. Workshop Thursday 10.04 will begin at 11:00 am

19. Athletics: Mary Kenton and Larry Prochaska

- a. Mary Kenton has been asked to serve on a committee with the President
- b. New ticket buyers will get \$10 off the \$180 ticket price and WSURA will get half of each ticket price

20. UCIE: Ruth Schumacher

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21. Old Business

- a. See Parking Pass information above, under President’s Report

22. New Business

- a. See information above re Raiders for Life, Name Badges
- b. Carol Stevenson
 1. list of WSURA benefits is in development
 2. worksheet distributed with request for corrections to be sent to Carol
 3. request for assistance to finalize for publicity through the website

Meeting Adjourned: 12:15 pm