

Emeriti Executive Board Minutes

February 8, 2016

Present: J. Chambers, R. di Franco, R. Hannon, K. Beauchamp, R. Abood, D. Meyer, W. Zimmermann, S. Smith-Stubblefield, M. Sharp, W. Topp, R. Smith, G. Scully, S. Scully

Minutes: Approved after reminder that we had discussed holding the Holiday W&C on first Friday of next December.

Treasurer's Report: (Rosie) Little to report except that Physical Plant charged us \$65.44 for December 2015 W&C.

Doris brings up high cost of snail-mailings, especially for members unlikely to come to luncheons, W&Cs and other local events. "Is it worth it?" Consensus was that such events be reported in C&K issues, but that snail-mail invitations no longer be sent to emeriti living further than a 60-mile radius from Stockton.

Emeriti Luncheon: February 17, 2016, 10:30 to 1:30. Bill reports 35 reservations already made & is expecting ca 50. Final Tally? Judy was able to get some "Delta products" on menu as requested by speakers B. Swagerty and R. Smith. Examples: "Tossed salad with Delta veggies) and "Delta Peat-cake dessert." ☺ [Peat: "partially carbonized vegetable tissue formed by partial decomposition in water of various plants (as mosses of the genus *Sphagnum*)"]

Judy reports that Alumni Association will absorb costs of pastry & coffee before lunch & adds: "we're treated well." Bill will see if we can have the talk (11:15 to 12:15) video-taped & put on our website—done?

1st Coffee klatch or CAR (Chat about Retirement), February 3. 14 participants, most not on Executive Board. All agreed that meeting was time well spent & meetings should continue. Many topics discussed: "mattering" in later life—some extended career work into retirement; some try to maintain contact with university. Questions: how can we be more pro-active towards sick colleagues; How does one deal with spouse's death/illness? Next CAR meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 to 12. Format: "managed or focused discussion" on key topic: e.g., How to make new connections, friends. Possibilities for these: OLLI membership; coffee klatches, O'Connor Woods. Why are so few emeriti (10) OLLI members? Cost? Watch for OLLI article in March C&K.

Emeriti as consultants—not advisors—to University. Impetus from Skip's email from 11 January. Provides sound reasoning for such a role. Based on our richer "institutional memory," our possibly more acute awareness of trend lines of current institutional development and avoidance of possibly dangerous financial shifts—to less promising graduate programs rather than undergraduate ones—that may be a misreading of our fundamental strengths. Glee emphasizes our desire for consulting role in relationship to university administration. Rosie suggests a committee be formed to work out a recommendation for our actions. Committee members: Skip, Glee, D. Meyer and M. Sharp. Bill suggests "shining light" on such consulting activities via a spring W&C to which the President would be invited.

Spring C&K. Article submission date: March 9. Publication date: March 16. M. Sharp went through the plans for this C&K issue. He and R. di Franco will work on better editing of the AC reports. These need to be shortened and edited according to importance while written in a transparent style for emeriti removed by age & distance from current concerns and events.

Academic Council. Roland reports that AC is interested in having a faculty member on the Board of Regents. Other issues discussed: Gender equity and university finances, especially with regard to a concern about the recent attempts to increase expensive graduate programs.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 7, from 10 AM to 12 in 215 DUC.

