

11-4-2016

## SJSU ERFA Board Minutes, November 4, 2016

San Jose State University, Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association

Follow this and additional works at: [https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa\\_minutes](https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/erfa_minutes)



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#), and the [Higher Education and Teaching Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

San Jose State University, Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association. "SJSU ERFA Board Minutes, November 4, 2016" *SJSU ERFA Minutes* (2016).

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the The SJSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association at SJSU ScholarWorks. It has been accepted for inclusion in SJSU ERFA Minutes by an authorized administrator of SJSU ScholarWorks. For more information, please contact [scholarworks@sjsu.edu](mailto:scholarworks@sjsu.edu).

## **SJSU ERFA Executive Board Meeting**

**Monday, November 4, 2016, Duncan Hall 249**

**Members Present:** Celia Bakke, Gene Bernardini, Elba Maldonado-Colon-Brooks, Peter Buzanski, Ji-Mei Chang, Carol Christensen, Jill Cody, Barbara Conry, Adnan Daoud, Abdel El-Shaieb, Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, Nancie Fimbel, Don Keeseey, Joan Merdinger, Wayne Savage, Lonna Smith, Jackie Snell, and Bob Wilson.

**1. Call to order.** President Nancie Fimbel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. The Minutes** of October 3 were approved with one abstention.

**3. President's Remarks.** Nancie, Carmen and Ji-Mei will meet with Provost Andy Feinstein on Tuesday, November 15 to encourage him to reinstate the reception for newly retiring faculty.

### **4. Events and Activities, Recent and Future**

**a. Review of Fall Luncheon.** Gene reported that 61 signed up with 4 or 5 added at the last minute and 5 or 6 no-shows. Lonna found that everyone was pleased to return to Michael's. She stated that the prices are reasonable and that she finds it easy to work with her contact. The Board approved returning to Michael's next year; therefore, Lonna will make reservations for Friday, October 20, 2017. Gene noted that lighting at the podium and placement of the podium need to be improved.

**b. Holiday Party, December 9, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, 225 MLK Library.** Lonna led a discussion on the menu, costs, etc. Jo was volunteered to invite Tracy Elliott, Dean of the Library. President Papazian is not able to attend.

**c. Spring Outing.** Prior to the meeting the Activities Committee issued a list of nine potential excursion venues. For each venue the Committee provided Background Information, Hours, Fees, Private Tour options, Food availability, Parking, etc. The Committee also consolidated this information into an Excursion Comparison document. **Action item:** After a discussion Nancie asked the Committee to obtain Board members' preferences via email.

**d. Spring Luncheon.** The date is May 12, 2017 as President Papazian is available to attend that day. The Board approved returning to The Villages so Dolores will reserve the room.

### **5. Action Items**

**a. Updating Guidelines for ERFA Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award**  
Joan reminded the Board that changes to the Guidelines were approved at the October 3 meeting.

**b. Repayment Policy for SJSU Reps to Attend CSU ERFA Meetings.** Bob stated that it was important for all three members to attend in order to have a full contingent in deliberations, and he moved that the Board send all three. Joan provided background information stating that SJSU may send 3 representatives to the CSU ERFA meetings, and, in general, two usually attend. CSU provides reimbursement for one attendee, SJSU ERFA provides reimbursement for one attendee and the third has covered the cost of attending. Don noted that SJSU ERFA may send any three attendees so if one is not able to attend a substitute, who will have voting privileges, may be selected. Abdel amended the motion to state that the Board pay for two members to attend the state meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote.

## 6. Reports

**a. Treasurer.** Abdel reported that the current balance is \$12,812.38 so there is money for two faculty awards. He noted that we need to ask for donations. Bob stated that transparency is important and requested that an annual statement listing income, expenses and the balance appear in the newsletter once a year. The Board agreed. Gene will include this information in the February newsletter.

**b. Membership.** Wayne reported that the total membership is 285, the same as last month. One member passed, but the wife became an associate member. It was noted that Larry Gerston recently joined.

**c. Newsletter Editor.** Gene reported that ERFA News will be mailed the latter part of November and will include the announcement for the Holiday Party. Although an RSVP is not required Gene will request that members respond if they are attending. Joan volunteered to write an article encouraging members to donate to the faculty award fund. Gene set a 500 word limit and a deadline of November 15. Jill thanked Gene for getting the ERFA note cards printed which will be stored in the ERFA office, 438D McQuarrie Hall. (They reside on the bottom shelf of the tall book case.)

**d. Webmaster.** Carol announced that the website is up-to-date. The information about the faculty award is on the homepage and includes three links for additional information. Jill asked about the status of the member bios, a project initiated by Pat Nichols. Celia suggested that SJSU ScholarWorks may be an option to the member bios. Joan mentioned that Jo had done considerable research on the topic and recommended that a committee, including Jo, be formed to pull together all the disparate threads of information. Ji-Mei, Carol, Jo, Joan and Celia volunteered to serve on the committee.

**e. Consolations.** Jill mentioned that she had written notes for Gus Lease, Jerry Kemp, Jack Crane, Bob Ramonda, Gordon Greb and Helen Stevens. Jill stated that she needed additional information before she could write/send notes for Bill Gustafson, Verle Waters Clark, Charles Paul, Duilio Peruzzi, Leonard Espinosa and Don Sinn.

**f. Small groups.** Don reported that a group had viewed the *18<sup>th</sup> Annual Animation Show of Shows*, a collection of 16 animated short films. Some were interesting and others not. Bob recommended the film *Hell and High Water* which incorporates many themes including racism, social issues and poverty.

**g. Faculty Senate.** The President is concerned about providing a safe environment for students, faculty and staff particularly regarding sexual harassment. There have been on-going meetings for conversations throughout the campus. At the Hammer Center a film on human trafficking was shown. The Senate passed an amendment modifying the Senate Constitution related to membership. The change will remove the Vice President for Advancement from the Senate and the Executive Committee and will add the Chief Diversity Officer as a full voting member of the Senate and Executive Committee. Campus Village #2 has just opened and the students are delighted with the recreational facilities. The campus bookstore has returned to the Student Union.

**h. CSU-ERFA.** Don issued a detailed summary, prior to the Board meeting, of the CSU-ERFA State Council Meeting held on October 22, 2016. Joan volunteered to write an article for the *CSU-ERFA Reporter* on her experience with transitioning to OptumRX as she encountered difficulty when transitioning to CVS/Caremark. OptumRX will be the CalPERS' Pharmacy Benefit Manager beginning January 1, 2017 for all health plans.

**i. Archivist.** No report. Celia acknowledged the work of Abdel and Wayne in maintaining the currency of the membership list as no Newsletters have been returned to the ERFA office for many, many months.

**j. Faculty Award Committee Report.** Joan announced that the award application was distributed on October 17. Gilles Muller, Associate Dean of Research, and Amy Strage will send out follow-up reminders.

Congratulations to Elba on her recent marriage. Her name is now Elba Maldonado-Colon-Brooks.

**7. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am. Thanks to Lonna for snacks.

**Upcoming Refreshments:**

December 5 – Nancie Fimbel  
February 6 – Adnan Daoad  
March 6 – Delores E. Hamilton  
April 5 – Celia Bakke  
May 1 – Marian Yoder

Minutes submitted by Celia Bakke