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## **Minutes: SJSU ERFA Executive Board Monday, March 6, 2017. Duncan Hall 249**

**Members Present:** Gene Bernardini, Peter Buzanski, Ji-Mei Chang, Carol Christensen, Jill Cody, Elba Maldonado-Colon, Barbara Conry, Adnan Daoud, Abdel El-Shaieb, Nancie Fimbel, Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, Don Keeseey, Bill McCraw, Wayne Savage, Carmen Sigler, Jackie Snell, Jo Bell Whitlatch, Dennis Wilcox, Bob Wilson, and Marian Yoder.

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

2. **The Minutes** of February 6 were approved by voice vote with a slight grammar correction in Item #5 to read "...the board decided on the statement" instead of "that".

### **3. President's Remarks.**

- Nancie reported that she, Carmen, and Dennis met with the provost, Andy Feinstein, on 2/15 to discuss University sponsorship of a reception for retiring faculty. Also attending the meeting was Camille Johnson, chief operations manager to the provost. The provost expressed support for a reception, possibly at the president's home, and instructed Camille to pursue a discussion with the president for a possible reception possibly in early June. Dennis added that the group agreed that faculty beginning their FERP status would be the primary invitees.
- Randy Balogh, director of planned giving, has suggested that perhaps members of the ERFA would be interested in attending a presentation on how to be an executor of a will during the university's event that brings alumni back to campus for a series of presentations by faculty. He thought this would be more effective outreach to ERFA than having a table at a luncheon.
- Nancie has sent thank-you notes to ERFA members making donations to the faculty research awards. In addition, she has sent letters to all applicants for the 2017 award announcing the two recipients of the award.

### **4. Update on Events and Activities.**

**A. Spring Outing.** Bill reported that 10 reservations had already been made for the March 31 field trip to the Rosie the Riveter Museum in Richmond. He expects more than 30 reservations by the 3/15 deadline. Carmen reported that she is sending a note to all paid registrants about parking, where to meet, and the bus departure time. Carol distributed a flyer via email earlier in the month and Gene reported that the current newsletter in the mail also includes a reservations form.

**B. Spring Luncheon.** Dolores and Lonna proposed three entrée items for the spring luncheon at the Villages on Friday, May 19 –1) tri-tip beef, 2) chicken crepes, and 3) vegetable napoleon. The choices were approved by acclamation and a discussion about price followed. A motion by Abdel for \$35 per person died for lack of a second. Gene and Carmen expressed support for a \$30 price. Dolores mentioned that there was an additional fee of \$125 for the room in addition

to the food costs. Jo Bell moved, Barbara seconded, for \$30. Motion was approved with one “no” vote from Bob who expressed the opinion that \$28 was more in line with the “fiduciary responsibility of the board.” There was also a brief discussion of the luncheon schedule with members suggesting that President Papazian be asked to talk for about 15 to 20 minutes followed by Q&A. It was pointed out that the luncheon was also a business meeting for election of new officers and a short presentation by the two faculty research awardees so it was necessary to ensure that the event didn’t become too long for the luncheon guests who might suffer a common ailment called “fanny fatigue.”

**C. Fall Luncheon and Holiday Celebration.** Dolores, in the absence of Lonna, reaffirmed that the Fall luncheon was **October 27** at Michael’s Shoreline. Lonna has also booked the library for Friday, **December 8**, for the Holiday reception.

## **5. Action Items**

**A. Appointment of Nominations Committee for 2017-18.** Peter recommended that newer members of the board serve on the nominating committee because they had a better knowledge of peers who have recently retired or FERPed. Carmen recommended Joan because of her former position in Faculty Affairs and knowledge of faculty. Jo Bell stated that the current president should also serve on the committee. It was decided that the nominations committee will consist of **Nancie, Joan, and Ji-Mei**, incoming president.

B. Report of the ad hoc committees for biographies and revisiting decision to keep print copies of the 5-year-old directories in the library. Delayed until April meeting.

## **6. Reports**

**A. Treasurer.** Abdel reported that the current balance was **\$8,959.87** and that the expected balance by the end of the fiscal year (June) will be about \$7,000.

**B. Membership.** Wayne reported that there are now 298 members as a result of 8 new members signed up since last month.

**C. Newsletter Editor.** Gene reported that the newsletter was mailed last week but, as bulk mail, probably hasn’t yet been delivered to the membership. He stated that sometimes the newsletter can take up to 7 to 10 days for members to receive it via their friendly mail carrier. Dolores, who submitted a note for the personals column, shared with the board a copy of her new book, *The Awesome Miss Seeds*.

**D. Webmaster.** Carol reported that she will place the February minutes and the current newsletter on the website next week.

**E. Consolations.** Jill reported that two wives of ERFA members. June Boudreau and Marjorie Elmore have passed. She has sent consolations.

**F. Film group.** Marian reported that seven attended the film, “A United Kingdom” and found it to be an enjoyable film about the marriage of an African prince and an English woman relating to the founding of Botswana as a democratic country.

**G. Faculty Senate.** Peter reported that a summary of Faculty Senate actions was in the newsletter but he was pleased to have made a significant contribution to a recent Senate meeting by calling for an adjournment at 5 p.m. after a lengthy discussion on clarifying the guidelines for “internship” by university standards that was not fully resolved. His call for adjournment warranted a boldface mention in the Senate minutes and, no doubt, the esteem of all his Senate colleagues who wanted to go home.

**H. CSU-ERFA.** Don reported that the State ERFA meeting would be held in April. Bob referred board members to an article in the CSU-ERFA news about health options and the new pharmacy provider, OptumRX.

**I. Archivist.** No report.

**7. New Business.** None proposed.

**8. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 11: 10 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, **April 3**, at 10 a.m., in Duncan Hall 249. Thanks to Dolores for the snacks.

### **Upcoming Refreshments:**

**April: Celia Bakke**

**May: Marian Yoder**

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