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Minutes: SJSU ERFA Executive Board Monday, April 3, 2017. Duncan Hall 249

Members Present: Celia Bakke, Gene Bernardini, Peter Buzanski, Ji-Mei Chang, Carol Christensen, Elba Maldonado-Colon, Barbara Conry, Adnan Daoud, Abdel El-Shaieb, Nancie Fimbel, Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, Don Keeseey, Bill McCraw, Joan Merdinger, Wayne Savage, Carmen Sigler, Lonna Smith, 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 10:01:15.
2. **The Minutes** of March 6 were approved by voice vote after being moved by Peter and seconded by Wayne.

3. President's Remarks.

University reception. President Papazian's office has decided that the University will have a reception, or possibly a luncheon for faculty entering FERP and probably those completing FERP since there has been no reception in the past several years. The proposed date is June 7th. Nancie has asked Ji-Mei (incoming ERFA president) and Wayne (membership chair) to attend to help recruit new ERFA members. This has been a five-year ongoing effort on the part of the ERFA board to re-establish an event for retiring faculty.

CSU-ERFA meeting. There was no "volunteer" to substitute for Bob at the next CSU-ERFA meeting in Dominquez Hills later in the month, but reps Joan and Don are planning to attend.

Gift to Biology Department. Nancie raised the question of whether the board should give a gift again this year to the Biology Department as a thank you for using Duncan 249. It was the consensus that such a gift was not necessary every year. Wayne will talk to the department chair about using 249 next year as the board's preferred meeting place. In lieu of a gift, Nancie indicated that she would send a letter of appreciation to the department chair on behalf of the board.

Center for Faculty Development. Although Joan reported that a gift also wasn't needed for the Center for Faculty Development, she suggested that Nancie write a letter of appreciation to Amy Strage and Gina Marin for all the cooperation and assistance they provided in promoting and processing the Faculty Research Award applications.

Gift to hungry and homeless students. Bob raised the question of ERFA making a gift to Student Affairs to help students. Peter reported that the VP of student affairs appreciated ERFA's concern but financial assistance was not needed at this time because programs and funding were already in place. Jackie also reported that she had looked into student needs on campus. The group, although always concerned about the welfare of students, decided that assisting students was a "non-issue" at the present time. Joan suggested that perhaps a better approach

for the board would be to give a third faculty research award since this mechanism was already in place.

4. Update on Events and Activities.

A. Rosie the Riveter a big success. The annual spring outing on March 31 was termed a “spectacular success” by all board members who attended. The 33 on the visit were fortunate to meet five “Rosies,” all in their 90s, who shared their inspiring stories. Carmen led applause all around for Barbara who researched and organized the trip, Bill who handled reservations, and Gene who arranged the bus. Ji-Mei noted that the Rosies wore various pins given to them by visitors and suggested that the board send them SJSU pins as a thank you for their hospitality. Nancie said she would get the pins and send them.

Gene asked for photos that could be used in the next newsletter, and the suggestion was also made that perhaps a board of photos could be set up at the Spring Luncheon to publicize the Rosie visit and encourage more members to go on spring outings in the future.

B. Spring Luncheon on May 19. There was a discussion on several levels. **First**, Dolores reported that arrangements are now completed but she will need a list of attendees for the Village’s gatekeepers. **Second**, Peter expressed concern about having a list of nominations ASAP for the consideration of the board and, of course, the process of “extreme vetting” to ensure that prospective nominees are qualified. The elected positions open are for vice president, secretary, academic senate rep, and two members- at-large.

Nancie said the nominating committee (Nancie, Joan, Ji-Mei) will meet and begin the process. Board members will be asked for nominee suggestions. Due to time constraints, board members will receive emails as part of preparing a list of prospective nominees at the May 1 meeting. **Third**, the by-law changes will need to be distributed by mail to members at least two weeks before the May 19 meeting, which will accompany the reservation form. Dennis will work with Gene on the by-law insert.

C. Fall Luncheon. Lonna reported that the luncheon was on track for **October 27** at Michael’s Shoreline. The newsletter in late September will include a reservation form.

5. Action Items

A. Report of the ad hoc committees for ERFA member biographies. Postponed to May 1.

B. Revisit of 5-year-old member print directories being archived in library. There was a robust discussion. Lonna expressed concern about member privacy and the possibility of individuals or solicitors inappropriately using the directories. Others -- including Celia, Carol, Jo Bell – stated that the probability of misuse was relatively small since the directories would be archived in print form and individuals would need to (1) first know about their existence, and (2) be required to sign forms to access them, and 3) the Internet of All Things already makes anyone’s address, phone number, etc. readily available in digital form. Peter commented that such information should be part of the archives for historical research. Lonna moved and Bob

seconded to not make print member directories part of Library archives. The motion was defeated – 10 opposed, 5 in favor, and 4 abstain.

Bob then moved, and Lonna seconded, that members be advised that they could request that their addresses, phone numbers, and email be deleted from future member directories if they were concerned about privacy. Wayne said this would require two sets of membership lists and be difficult to administer. Carol said such requests would mean that these members would never receive any newsletters or emails if they choose to limit their information. Motion defeated: 16 opposed, 2 in favor, and 2 abstain.

6. Reports

A. **Treasurer.** Abdel reported that the current balance (4.3.17) was **\$9,665.85**, which includes revenues of **\$1,121.00** from the Rosie the Riveter field trip. The estimated balance by the end of the fiscal year (June) will be about \$9,000.

B. **Membership.** Wayne reported that there are now 300 members as a result of 9 new members signed up since last month. In an analysis of a CSU-ERFA list of 924 names, he found that 212 members on the list were SJSU-ERFA members but not members of CSU-ERFA. He has compiled a directory list of the 15 ERFA members and it was suggested that Gene put this list as an insert in the next newsletter.

C. **Newsletter Editor.** Gene had no late-breaking news. Joan suggested that an article in the CSU-ERFA newsletter about Medicare reimbursement be reprinted or summarized in our newsletter for the benefit of members.

D. **Webmaster.** Carol reported that the College of Engineering suggested that she post its newsletter to members. The consensus was to just provide the link.

E. **Consolations.** In the absence of Jill, the question was whether consolations should be sent to the family of Carlene Young, a former ERFA member. The general policy is to send condolences only to members, but the group agreed that Jill should send a consolation in this situation.

F. **Film group.** Marian reported that the group attended “Frantz,” a story about a French and German soldier. She recommended the film.

G. **Faculty Senate.** Peter reported that CSU trustees approved a \$270 tuition hike, bringing tuition in the CSU up to \$5,742. The University now has 70 staffers in Development whose salaries come out of the general fund, but that any money they raise doesn’t necessarily pay their salaries because the money raised usually goes to endowment or scholarship funds. The University is making the case to the Santa Clara Transportation Agency that a new BART line to downtown San Jose should have a station at 4th and Santa Clara. The president’s inauguration will be in May and there will be a gala at the Event Center – but the fancy invitation just gives an online site to find out the cost and make a reservation.

H. **CSU-ERFA.** No report.

i. Archivist. No report.

j. Faculty Award Committee: No report.

7. New Business. None proposed.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:41:40. The next meeting will be Monday, **May 1**, at 10 a.m., in Duncan Hall 249. Thanks to Celia for snacks.

Upcoming Refreshments:

May: Marian Yoder

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