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Minutes: SJSU ERFA Executive Board Monday, April 2, 2018

Members Present: Celia Bakke, Gene Bernardini, Peter Buzanski, Ji-Mei Chang, Barbara Conry, Abdel El-Shaieb, Nancie Fimbel, Dolores Escobar Hamilton, Don Keeseey, Elba Maldonado-Colon, Joan Merdinger, Wayne Savage, Lonna Smith, Jackie Snell, Carmen Sigler, Jo Bell Whitlatch, and Bob Wilson.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Ji-Mei at 10:01 am.

2. Minutes of March 5, 2018: Moved/seconded by Jackie/Don to approve the minutes as presented. Approved with two abstentions.

3. President's Remarks

A. CSU ERFA's Meeting of Northern Presidents on 4/6/18 at 5pm at the Iron and Oak Restaurant at the Oakland Marriott City Center –1001 Broadway Oakland, CA 94607 - Dinner to follow the meeting at 6 p.m. No one will be attending from SJSU – Ji-Mei reported that she could not attend because of family obligations and had contacted several Board members, who could not attend because of late notice and difficulty of driving to Oakland on Friday night.

B. ERFA Representatives for SJSU Spring Graduation Ceremonies are:
CASA: Barbara Conry Humanity and Arts: Carmen Sigler
Business: Abdel El-Shaieb Science: Wayne Savage
Education: Ji-Mei Chang Social Science: Bill McCraw
Engineering: William Barrett

We have representatives from all colleges and are waiting to hear from the University concerning the detailed arrangements for the separate graduations.

C. Provost's breakfast meeting on 3/23/18
Bob, Elba, and Jo Bell reported on the retired faculty meeting with the provost. The meeting included general discussions and updates on several topics, including strategic plan, need for new buildings in addition to the science building, and Provost's view on placing faculty affairs under Human Resources.

Ji-Mei thanked Celia for monitoring the speaker's list and Joan for providing the snacks.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

A. Update on Spring Excursion to Moss Landing Marine Lab and Elkhorn Slough

Abdel/Dolores moved and seconded to thank Jo Bell, Gene Bernardini, Bill McCraw for their excellent work and Carmen for her coordination of the Moss

Landing Excursion. Motion approved. The Excursion is completely full with 52 people attending. And the Safari tour boats are covered so the tour will go – rain or shine!

B. Update on Spring Luncheon and Business Meeting (5/11/18 Friday)
Plans are in place and the flyer will go out this week.

5. Action Items

A. Ranking the speaker list for October 2018 Luncheon (Carmen)
Carmen asked that Board members rank their top 3 choices and return to her. She will compile the results.

B. Grant for SJSU ERFA members (Bob)
The Board discussed the following motion, which was tabled at the March meeting: *Bob and Peter moved/seconded that the language in the Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award be changed to “The SJSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (ERFA) Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award has been created to support scholarly research and creative activity by current and emeritus Faculty.”* After several Board members had discussed the proposal, Lonna/Peter called for the question. Motion failed: two in favor, many opposed and two abstentions. After the motion failed, the Board briefly discussed the possibility of creating a separate award with funding for Emeritus and Retired Faculty to their support scholarly research and creative activity.

6. Discussion Items

A. Update on Biography Project by the Biography Committee (Joan)
Report will be in May 2018.

7. New Business

A. Name change for CSU-ERFA (Don and Joan)
Executive Committee recommendation: CSU-REA (California State University Retired Employees Association). Jo Bell’s suggestions: CSU-RFSA (California State University Retired Faculty and Staff Association) or CSU FASAR (Faculty and Staff Association of Retirees). Jo Bell noted that the proposed new name for CSU ERFA does not include Faculty in the name. A name that includes Faculty as part of the name will encourage faculty to join the organization whereas “Employee” may not. We wish to encourage faculty to join the statewide retirees organization. Additional membership is important in strengthening advocacy for health and pension benefits. After discussion, Board members agreed that the new name should have “Faculty” as part of the name. CSU-ERFA representatives Bob, Don and Joan will discuss the SJSU ERFA views with statewide CSU ERFA members at the meeting this next weekend.

8. Reports

A. *Treasurer's Report (Abdel El-Shaieb)*. Balance as of today, including paying insurance: \$9534.96. Moss Landing Excursion – cost \$2,388.50 – revenue \$2,350.00. Loss estimated to be less than \$100.00. Scholarship fund balance at the end of February \$17,198.50 plus recent donation of \$2,500 brings total to \$19,698.50.

B. *Membership Report (Wayne Savage)*. 304 members at the current time.

C. *Newsletter Editor Report (Gene Bernardini)*. The Board discussed including a line in the newsletter welcoming new members with names only.

D. *Webmaster's Report (Carol Christensen)*. Ji-Mei presented the report for Carol who could not attend: Website is updated.

E. *Consolations Report (Jill Cody)*. Ji-Mei presented the report for Jill who could not attend: Jill sent a get-well notecard to Anne Simonson.

F. *Local Activities Committee (Film Group: Marian Yoder / Don Keeseey)*. Will meet next Sunday.

G. *Faculty Senate Report (Peter Buzanski)*. Most important accomplishment was the passage of *Policy Recommendation, Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity* after language proposed by Peter on Non-Disclosure policy issues, which were the sticking points. Some business organizations require non-disclosure agreements. First reading of recommendations for the *Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility* included a recommendation of adding an emeritus faculty member.

H. *CSU-ERFA (Bob Wilson, Don Keeseey, Joan Merdinger)*. Report will be in May after the CSU ERFA meeting next weekend.

I. *AROHE Report (Joan Merdinger)*. Biennial Meeting is in first week of October in Atlanta.

J. *Archivist Report (Celia Bakke)*. No report.

K. *Faculty Award Committee Report (Joan Merdinger)*. No report.

9. Adjournment to May 7, 2018 meeting. Meeting adjourned about 11:20 am

Snacks: May 7: Jo Bell

Minutes submitted by Jo Bell Whitlatch, substituting for Dennis Wilcox

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