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Minutes

SJSU ERFA

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2015

10:00 to 11:30 a.m. --- Duncan Hall 249

Members Present: Gene Bernardini, Peter Buzanski, Jill Cody, Barbara Conroy, Adnan Daoud, Abdel El-Shaieb, Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, Don Keesey, Bill McCraw, Joan Merdinger, Wayne Savage, Carmen Sigler, Lonna Smith, Jo Bell Whitlatch, Bob Wilson, Marian Yoder.

1. **Call to order.** President Merdinger called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. **Approval of *Minutes of February 2, 2015.*** Buzanski/Bernardini moved to approve minutes as presented, with one change in 6. h. "directions" to "directives".
3. **President's Remarks.** Joan noted we had some urgent issues related to Spring Excursion.
4. **Upcoming Events and Activities**
 - a. **Spring Excursion – March 27, 2015**
 - i. ***Walt Disney Museum - details for the day/Gene Bernardini, Jill Cody & Activities Committee.*** Jill needs someone to be the coordinator the day of the Event as she will be at a conference in Los Angeles. Don Keesey volunteered to be the coordinator for the day. Flyer has the wrong price and wrong deadline and must be corrected. Gene will contact the mailroom to stop the flyer before it gets distributed. Flyer has gone out on email: Carol will be asked to send out revised information this evening.
 - b. **Spring Luncheon: May 8, 2015**
 - i. ***The Villages – details for the day/Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, et al.*** Draft menu was distributed. Lonna proposed that the choice be: Chicken Breast, Beef Stroganoff, and Vegetable Quiche with Peach Pie. Bob Wilson proposed Sole instead of Chicken Breast. Lonna accepted the Sole as a friendly amendment. Bob Wilson seconded. Motion passed. Peter moved to charge \$27.00. Bob Wilson seconded. Motion passed with two members voting "no." The Provost has accepted our invitation to speak at the Spring Luncheon, but now may be unable to attend (he may be in China). Gene/Bob made a motion that we no longer pursue the Provost as our speaker and pursue alternatives with a small committee. Bob called the Question. Motion carried. Peter/Jo moved to rescind the motion. Question called. Motion rescinded with two opposed. Carmen/Dolores moved that we approach the Provost and request from him a firm commitment by April 6. Abdel proposed an amendment, which was accepted as friendly: Joan, Peter and Carmen will form the small committee to deal with this issue. Motion passed.
 - c. **Nominations Committee (Gene Bernardini, Carmen Sigler, Joan Merdinger).** The Committee will be meeting immediately after the Board meeting. Board members made some suggestions for the Committee to consider.

- d. **ERFA Faculty Scholarly & Creative Activity Award – Update (Joan Merdinger).** Joan thanked the Committee for the excellent work in selecting the awardees. Joan plans to phone the awardees, congratulate them and send a follow-up email with a copy to their Deans and Chairs. People who did not get the award will get an email informing them that they did not receive an award. Joan has been working to make certain all the procedures are in place for ERFA when we are next able to do more awards.
- e. **CSU-ERFA State Council Meeting, Saturday, April 25th at CSU Long Beach.** Bob, Adnan, Don, and Joan will all be going.

5. Action Item(s)

- a. None

6. Reports

- a. **Treasurer's Report (Abdel El-Shaieb).** \$7,451.52 is balance as of this morning. CSU dues finally came in and we are up-to-date!! As of June 2015, Abdel estimates we will have about \$6,000 in our account.
- b. **Membership Report (Wayne Savage).** No change in membership. Patricia Villemain, widow of Francis Villemain (former Dean of Education), has passed away.
- c. **Newsletter Editor Report (Gene Bernardini).** Newsletter is excellent and will be distributed shortly.
- d. **ACE/Sloan Faculty Transitions Grant (Joan Merdinger).** Postponed.
- e. **Webmaster's Report (Carol Christensen).** No report.
- f. **Consolations Report (Jill Cody).** Sent a consolation card to the family of Fae Witte.
- g. **Activities Committee (Marian Yoder/ Don Keesey).** Yesterday, eight people saw Leviathan, a satire on Russian life, which was very interesting.
- h. **Faculty Senate Report (Peter Buzanski).** Report is basically in the *ERFA Newsletter*. Additions to the *Newsletter* content are: first, the German major is in the process of being abolished. The University requirement of having 20 students in an upper division class is related to the abolishment. Second, a new proposal concerning the library is of concern. Senator Ken Peter has made a long analysis, which Peter will forward to the Secretary for distribution.
- i. **CSU-ERFA (Bob Wilson, Don Keesey, Adnan Daoud, Joan Merdinger)**
 - i. *State Council meeting: April 25th, 2015 at CSU Long Beach.* David Wagner took the problem with the delay on spousal health care to CalPERS and he will write a report once he hears from CalPERS. Bob has information on procedures to follow for health care when your spouse passes on.
- j. **Archivist Report (Lonna Smith).** Jo Bell will go to office and pull minutes and agendas and other materials that the Board has approved for donation to the Library Archives.

7. New Business

- a. **Upcoming -- Leslie Rohn, Chief Operating Officer of the Tower Foundation coming to April 6th Board meeting at 11 AM (Time Certain).** Abdel and Joan will meet this afternoon to go over the information that she intends to present to the Board.
 - b. **Program Committee.** Dolores thinks it would be wise to have a program committee to determine speakers and entertainment for our fall and spring lunches. Jo Bell suggested that in addition to making the Program Committee chair one of the positions on the Board, we might want to consider combining the Secretary/Archivist position, thus maintaining the same number of positions on the Board.
8. **Adjournment to April 6th, 2015 meeting.** Bob/Lonna moved to adjourn around 11:45 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by Jo Bell Whitlatch, Secretary