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San Jose State University, Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association

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**SJSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association  
Annual Business Meeting, May 8, 2015  
Spring Luncheon at the Villages Clubhouse**

**Minutes**

**Welcome & Introductions.** President Joan Merdinger introduced the program and welcomed everyone to the Villages. She particularly wanted to acknowledge Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, Barbara Conry, and Gene Bernardini for organizing all of the Spring Luncheon arrangements.

President Merdinger introduced the first two recipients of the ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Awards: Patricia Albers and Emily Chan. The two awardees were selected from 44 applications. The current ERFA Board has endorsed continuation of this wonderful initiative, which supports our faculty colleagues. Joan Merdinger also acknowledged the valuable support from the Center for Faculty Development staff, Gina Marin and Amy Strage. Amy has created a special place in the Center for Faculty Development for all faculty to work including Emeritus Faculty.

President Merdinger Joan passed out CSU ERFA brochures to all Spring Luncheon SJSU ERFA members and encouraged those who are not members to join. She noted the importance of CSU ERFA's support and advocacy for retiree health and pension benefits.

**Business Meeting**

Joan Merdinger presented the Slate of nominations for 2015/2016:

*President* – Jo Bell Whitlatch;

*Vice-President (President-Elect)* – Nancie Fimbel;

*Secretary* – Dennis Wilcox;

*At Large Members* - Bill McCraw,

Marian Yoder,

Carmen Sigler (completing Patrick Hamill's second year);

*ERFA Representative to the Academic Senate* – Peter Buzanski.

No additional nominations were forthcoming from the floor. Nominations were closed. The Slate of nominations as presented was approved with no opposing votes and no abstentions. Joan Merdinger also announced that the Board has named Celia Bakke as Archivist.

Motion was made and seconded to close the Business meeting. Motion passed.

## **Spring Luncheon Program**

Patricia Albers and Emily Chan briefly discussed their research. Patricia Albers, Lecturer in Art and Art History, is working on the first full biography of Hungarian-born modernist photographer André Kertész. Emily Chan, Christina Mune, and Kathryn Blackmer Reyes are processing, digitizing, and organizing a reference question archive of the System Reference Center, 1972-2004.

Pam Stacks, Associate Vice President of Research discussed current issues at SJSU. Topics covered were: Guiding principles were still about student access. Service vs. scholarship has the potential to set up a dichotomy but as faculty if we only give service we risk becoming depleted, we need to continue to be engaged intellectually. Pam as AVP of Research at SJSU noted that the University continues to support faculty development.

Are low-income students getting enough scholarships so that they are able to afford to come to San Jose State? In a short time period SJSU has gone from 60 percent state support to 40 percent state support so that tuition is now providing 60 percent of SJSU support. Support for students is insufficient; family and work issues make it very difficult to graduate in four years. SJSU is the number one provider of Masters degrees in the CSU. In 2008 funding issues heavily impacted graduate programs but now we have the tools to balance graduate and undergraduate enrollments more effectively; graduate enrollments are coming up.

Joan Merdinger thanked all speakers and reminded attendees to put the following dates on their calendars: Fall Luncheon at Michael's Friday, October 16, 2015 and Holiday Party at the King Library, Friday, December 11, 2015.

*Minutes Submitted by Jo Bell Whitlatch, Secretary*