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## SJSU ERFA Annual Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2016

San Jose State University, Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association

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# **SJSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association**

**Annual Business Meeting, May 6, 2016**

**Spring Luncheon at the Village Clubhouse**

## **Minutes**

**Welcome and Introductions:** President Jo Bell Whitlatch introduced the program and welcomed everyone to the Villages. She offered special thanks to several members of the Activities Committee of the ERFA Board: Dolores Escobar-Hamilton, Celia Bakke and Gene Bernardini, in particular. She also recognized and thanked the full AY 2015-2016 Board.

**ERFA Donations:** President Whitlatch acknowledged the support of Ruth Kifer, Dean of the University Library in providing meeting rooms for ERFA events over the years, in offering tours of library operations behind the scenes, and in housing the SJSU ERFA archives. In memory of Gail Fullerton, the first woman ever to serve at SJSU's President, who recently died, she presented Dean Kifer a gift of \$1000 to the library.

President Whitlatch introduced Dr. Faustina DuCros, Assistant Professor of Sociology, one of two recipients of the Second Annual \$2500 ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Awards funded by donations from ERFA members. Dr. DuCros will be investigating the representations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in television shows during the 2015-16 season. Her award will fund student researchers. The second recipient, Dr. Katherine Harris, an Associate Professor of English, not in attendance, will travel to special collections in New York, Philadelphia and Princeton, NJ, to address questions about the British literary annual. President Whitlatch thanked the Center for Faculty Development, particularly Amy Strage and Gina Marin, for their assistance in preparing the applications for the committee's review. She expressed her enthusiasm for this intergenerational initiative in which our retiree organization helps our younger colleagues, and announced that the Board has endorsed the continuation of this program for next year. She also reminded members that their donations toward these awards are very welcome.

**Reminder:** President Whitlatch encouraged SJSU ERFA members to become members of the statewide organization. She explained that CSU ERFA dues support advocacy efforts regarding retiree and health benefits.

### **Business Meeting**

Jo Bell Whitlatch presented the slate of nominations for 2016-1017:

Vice President/President Elect – Ji-Mei Chang

Treasurer (2-year position) – Abdel El-Shaieb

Member-at-Large (2-year position) – Carmen Sigler

Academic Senate Representative – Peter Buzanski

No additional nominations were forthcoming from the floor. Nominations were closed. The slate of nominations as presented was approved unanimously.

A motion to close the business meeting was made, seconded and approved.

### **Spring Luncheon Program**

In addition to hearing a brief description of the research on Asian American and Pacific Islander representation on television shows that Dr. Du Cros will be conducting, the ERFA group also heard from Provost Andrew Feinstein. He provided copies of the document *SJSU's Four Pillars of Student Success: College Readiness, Advising, Student Engagement, and Clearing Bottlenecks* that he and VP for Student Affairs Reginald Blaylock distributed to the campus this week. His remarks focused on this document, which can be accessed at [http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/docs/Student\\_Success\\_Plan\\_5-5-16.pdf](http://www.sjsu.edu/provost/docs/Student_Success_Plan_5-5-16.pdf). He also answered questions from our members.

**Conclusion:** President Whitlatch invited incoming president Nancie Fimbel to say a few words and then thanked everyone for attending. Nancie thanked Jo Bell for her excellent service to SJSU ERFA.