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SJSU ERFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 1, 2021, 10:00 am via Zoom

Members Present: Celia Bakke, Steve Branz, Bill Campsey, Carol Christensen, Barbara Conry, Nancie Fimbel, Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno, Tim Hegstrom, Chris Jochim, Don Keeseey, Elba Maldonado-Colón, Susan McClory, Bill McCraw, Lucy McProud, Joan Merdinger, Bethany Shifflet, Carmen Sigler, Lonna Smith, Jackie Snell and Beth Von Till.

1. Call to order. President Tim Hegstrom called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He noted that there was a good response from the members on the topics of scheduling vaccinations and SJSU IT support.

2. The Minutes of February 1, 2021 were approved unanimously. Tim referred to #8 of the minutes which addressed the status of the contract with San Jose Charters by Abdel. He stated that someone should contact the bus company and also arrange for parking on campus. Carmen responded that the Program committee would arrange for parking permits when an outing was scheduled and that she would contact the bus company.

3. Report of Nominations Committee (Elba Maldonado Colon)

Motion: That the ERFA Executive Board recommend the Nominations Committee Slate of Officers to the Membership at the Annual Meeting. Elba emailed the report prior to the Board meeting. Tim stated that Bill Campsey's name needed to be added to the slate for the position of Treasurer. Carmen noted that the Board will need an additional Member-at-Large when Mary Jo is elected to serve as Vice-President. Tim deferred that discussion until the June meeting. **Note:** Elba distributed a revised slate post meeting:

Slate of Officers for the ERFA Executive Board, 2021-2022.

Vice President/President Elect to serve as VP 2021-2022 and President in 2022-23:
Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno

Secretary to serve 2021-23:
Celia Bakke

Treasurer to serve 2021-22
Bill Campsey

Member-at-Large for 2 years 2021-23:
Lucy McProud

Academic Senate Representative: 2021-22
Susan McClory

4. Report and Discussion from Program Committee (Carmen Sigler) Carmen provided a summary of the report which she had sent in advance of the meeting and which addressed the travel seminar, college reunions and future programs. Beth noted that she had received comments from members who would appreciate a blended concept of programs in the future, i.e., online as well as in person programs.

a. Report on Travel Seminar with Christopher Elliott (2/9). (Carmen, Chris Jochim, Lonna Smith) Chris estimated that about 45 attendees watched the program.

b. Ongoing College Zooms Two reunions are scheduled; one in March and another in June.

c. Planning for Future Events (SJ History Park, Long-term Care, Annual Meeting: Keynote, Date, and Time (Carmen) Lonna reported that the tentative date for the Annual

Meeting was Friday, May 14. The Board discussed various options for the format of the meeting, e.g., on campus or online. Bethany moved that meeting be held on May 14 at 1:00 pm via Zoom and Beth seconded with Board approval. Tim asked Carmen if the Program Committee could schedule a keynote speaker. She commented that Romey Sabalius, a CSU Trustee, may be a possibility even on such short notice. Carmen will invite him to speak, and if he is not available will review the committee's list of recommended speakers. Nancie suggested that the President, the Provost or another campus official could address campus resources available to members. Bethany suggested that the committee view a SJSU promotional video that could be played at the beginning of the meeting. She will provide the link. **Note:** Romey has agreed to speak, and the program will commence at 12:00 pm.

5. Report on Commencement Exercises and Retired Faculty Reception (Tim

Hegstrom) Tim talked to Zayna Tello in the President's office and to Brian Bates. No decision has been announced regarding whether Commencement will be held, and there is no plan as yet to hold a reception for retiring faculty. Zayna promised to keep ERFA in the loop. **Note:** President Papazian announced that graduate recognition websites will be launched by each of the eight colleges due to restrictions on in-person gatherings.

6. Discussion: List and Advocacy regarding Retired Faculty Benefits (Bethany

Shifflett) Bethany noted that there are a range of benefits available to our members, e.g., library privileges, reduced rate light rail passes, parking permits, IT support, etc. She asked if the Membership Committee could investigate all the options and add them to the website. Nancie noted that the ERFA brochure does list member benefits. Carmen stated that listing benefits is an excellent idea, but we need to identify those benefits provided by SJSU from those provided by ERFA. Steve remarked that the ERFA website provides links to many benefits, particularly those for emeritus faculty. Bethany also stated that there are benefits to retaining the SJSU email account which retirees may not be aware of. Tim asked Joan if the committee would assume this task. Membership agreed to discuss these issues with the inclusion of Bethany and report back to the Board. **Note:** Chris shared photos of the ERFA brochure post meeting.

7. Discussion: Recognition of Executive Board Service of those Stepping Down

(Tim, Nancie Fimbel, Lonna Smith) At the February meeting the Board passed a resolution honoring Abdel's outstanding service. The Board discussed how to honor other members who have recently retired. It was decided that others who have retired would be acknowledged at the Annual Meeting in May followed by a reading of the resolution for Abdel. Lonna volunteered to host an in-person event for Board members when that was doable.

8. Other Reports from Executive Board Members, as Needed (11:10-11:30)

a. Archivist (Celia) No report.

b. Biographies/Scholarworks (Joan) Three hundred and forty-five have now been posted to ScholarWorks including one from Tim.

c. Film (Don) Last month's film was "The Dig" which portrays the excavation of Sutton Hoo in 1938. Don recommends the film which was discussed by 11 attendees via Zoom.

d. Webmaster (Carol, Bethany) Carol announced that the website is up-to-date.

e. AROHE (Joan) Joan shared that AROHE is very active in providing webinars to members and that the conference will be held virtually in October.

f. Membership (Joan, Beth, Steve) Joan has received more names of retirees from CSU ERFSA, and Faculty Affairs continues to send out our letter and application form to recent

retirees. Beth suggests that we follow up with the College Deans for names of new retirees. The committee is working on an outreach letter to be distributed in the spring.

g. Consolation Notes (Mary Jo) No report.

h. Treasurer (Bill) Tim shared Bill's report via Zoom. The pending US Bank balance as of 3/1/2021 is \$13,407.65.

i. Newsletter (Don, Nancie) The newsletter will be distributed mid-month. The deadline for submissions is March 3rd.

j. Academic Senate (Susan) Susan sent her report in advance of the meeting. It included the information that Professional Standards has been working on a policy covering Lecturer Faculty.

k. CSU ERFSA (Joan, Chris, Nancie) The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th.

l. Awards Committee (Joan) Joan announced that the two awardees, Dr. Daryl Eggers and Dr. Ryan Skinnell, will each provide a 2 – 3 minute summary of their projects at the Annual Meeting.

12. Set next meeting date and Adjournment (11:30) April 5, 2021, 10 AM. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32.

Minutes submitted by Celia Bakke