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SJSU ERFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 5, 2021, 10:00 am via Zoom

Members Present: Celia Bakke, Steve Branz, Bill Campsey, Carol Christensen, Nancie Fimbel, Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno, Tim Hegstrom, Chris Jochim, Don Keesey, 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.

2. The Minutes of March 1, 2021 were approved unanimously.

3. Report and Discussion from Program Committee (Carmen Sigler)
   a. Planning for Annual Meeting, Friday May 14 Noon. (Carmen Sigler and Program Committee, Tim Hegstrom on Agenda) Tim shared the tentative agenda for the Annual Meeting. Chris confirmed that he would be able to provide a screen share of the meeting agenda, slate of candidates, and amendments to the Constitution / Bylaws during the meeting. He will also set up the capability for the attendees to vote on the slate and the amendments. The Board agreed that members should register for the meeting. Carmen volunteered to provide the meeting announcement, and Nancy agreed to send out the slate and amendments to the membership in advance. Reminders of the meeting will be sent several times in advance.
   b. College Zooms. Lonna shared that the College of Education had meet recently and that another reunion was scheduled for May. She noted that these meetings were always well received.
   c. Planning for Future Events (SJ History Park, Long-term Care; SJ Charters) Carmen announced that the indoor facilities at SJ History Park are still closed and thought that the park would be desirable site for a fall excursion. The Program Committee will begin planning for the event.
      Joan has been in contact with David Wagner regarding a program on long-term care. David and one of his contacts at CALPERS who is knowledgeable on the subject are willing to make a presentation. The specific date has not been scheduled, but it will be in early June.
      Carmen contacted SJ Charters, thanked them for their willingness to provide a one-year extension on the deposit of $250 and explained that we plan to reschedule the excursion for early 2022 to use the credit.
      Joan suggested that another potential program would be a presentation by the President or Provost.

4. Anticipated Vacancies on ERFA Board for 2021-22. After some discussion no vacancies were identified for 2021-2022. Steve noted that a replacement for his position on the Membership Committee will needed by this summer or in the fall. One of his final projects is to work with Bill Campsey on creating a shared document regarding dues payments that can be accessed by both Membership and the Treasurer.

5. Report on CSU Academic Senate Resolution on Emeritus Status (Bethany Shifflett) Bethany contacted the Chair of the Senate inquiring whether a resolution honoring an emeritus faculty member could be presented to the Senate. The Senate was not interested in participating.

6. Report and Recommendations: Retired Faculty Privileges and Advocacy (Joan Merdinger, Bethany Shifflett and Membership Committee) Bethany volunteered to create a survey to identify if the membership have used a variety of benefits and whether they know of others. Bethany will collect the data and prepare a report. Joan noted that it is
complicated as benefits are based on whether an individual is a retired CalPERS member or one with emeritus status and whether they are a member of ERFSA as well as ERFA.

7. Suggestion regarding creating a photo archive. Tim conveyed that he has been corresponding with Jim Walsh and Bill Reckmeyer regarding a photo archive. Various concerns were voiced which included privacy issues, approval requirements, workload issues, and relevancy to the ERFA mission. Tim will appoint a committee of the following individuals to explore the concept: Jim Walsh, Bill Reckmeyer, Chris Joichim, Elba Maldonado-Colon and Celia Bakke.

8. Other Reports from Executive Board Members, as Needed.
   a. Archivist (Celia) No report.
   b. Biographies/Scholarworks (Joan) Three hundred and forty-seven biographies have now been posted to ScholarWorks.
   c. Film (Don) Last month’s film was “The Professor and the Madman” which the group enjoyed. The next meeting is this Sunday, April 11th.
   d. Webmaster (Carol, Bethany) Carol announced that the website is up-to-date.
   e. AROHE (Joan) Joan announced that at the CSU ERFSA meeting on April 20th she will encourage other campuses to join AROHE. AROHE is providing virtual tours and Joan asked the Board if it would be appropriate to share this information with the entire membership. The Board agreed.
   f. Membership (Joan, Beth, Steve) Joan noted that their outreach is effective as 18 new members have joined since November 2020. The committee continues to update their outreach materials. Beth shared that Deanna Fassett will provide access to available resources to retired faculty who are considering returning to campus for limited teaching assignments.
   g. Consolation Notes (Mary Jo) Chris shared that Richard Keady had died and although he hadn’t been a member for several years it would be appropriate to send a note to his wife.
   h. Treasurer (Bill) Tim shared Bill’s report via Zoom. The pending US Bank balance as of 4/2/2021 is $12,754.26. Bill also noted that he and Abdel are reviewing a claim sent by the University that we owe $514.70 in past due accounts payables. The amounts range from $0.55 to $169.69 over a period from July 2015 to December 2020.
   i. Newsletter (Don, Nancie) The next newsletter will be distributed in early June.
   j. Academic Senate (Susan) Susan sent her report in advance of the meeting. It included that Romey Sabalius has been selected to serve as the Faculty Trustee for another term, the Resolution regarding Appointment, Evaluation, and Range Elevation for Lecturer Faculty has been pulled back for a second first reading to seek input and the Sense of the Senate Resolution requesting the formation of a Presidential Task Force on the needs of Native Students, Staff and Faculty was passed.
   k. CSU ERFSA (Joan, Chris, Nancie) The next meeting is scheduled for April 20th. The new Chancellor has been invited to speak.
   l. Awards Committee (Joan) Joan has been in contact with the 3 awardees from last year who have not been able to initiate their projects due to Covid. All three are very appreciative that
the money will be available whenever they are ready. At least one hopes to start his project this summer.

On April 1 the President announced “that a mix of in-person and online celebratory activities will be available this May to honor our Spring Class of 2021 graduates.” Joan emphasized that it was important that ERFA establish a presence at the graduation events.

12. Set next meeting date and Adjournment. May 3, 2021, 10 AM. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Minutes submitted by Celia Bakke