

Minutes, ARF Executive Board

(Approved May 6, 2019)

April 9, 2019

Board Members Present: James Allen, Daniel Blake, Pamela Bourgeois, John Clendenning, Catherine Jeppson, Robert Kiddoo, Sharon Klein, Virginia Lussier, Patrick Nicholson, Phyllis Russell, Eugene Turner.

Guests Present: Timothy Fox (Chair, Memorial Graduate Awards Committee), Gary Lobb (Member, Memorial Graduate Awards Committee).

Members Excused: Carolyn Arthur, Doris Helfer, Ann Perkins, Diane Schwartz, Barbara Swerkes.

### **Monthly Business**

1. Call to order: President Jeppson called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
2. Formal Adoption of Agenda: **MSP** to adopt the Agenda as distributed.
3. Approval of the Minutes, March 15, 2019: **MSP** to approve the Minutes
4. President's Announcement: President Jeppson led a discussion of the upcoming CalPERS election for retirees' seat on its governing board. She stressed the importance of this election. ARF Board members concurred.

## Reports

1. Treasurer: Daniel Blake. Total Account Balance: \$140,630.37. Total Income: \$257.19. Total Expenses: \$87.64. Overall Net Income: \$169.55.
2. Program Chair: Sharon Klein.
  - a. The Annual Picnic and General Membership meeting will be held in the CSUN Arbor Grill, June 1. Daniel Blake is attending to details: food menu, drinks, first aid bandages, etc. Each newly retired faculty member and guest will be invited.
  - b. Getty Villa. Plans are on track for the field trip on April 10. Approximately 25 are expected to attend. The Program Committee is engaged in initial planning of next year's field trip.
  - c. The committee is exploring the feasibility of panel discussions in lieu of individual presentations. Possible topics: climate change, CSUN GE Program, Chancellor's Executive Orders, radioactivity resulting from the Rockwell meltdown at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in 1959. Panels may include scientists and journalists.
3. Membership Chair: Daniel Blake, acting for Diane Schwartz. Dan reported that Diane continues her journey to full recovery. [N.B., Diane did in fact attend, with her husband David, the field trip to the Getty Villa on April 10, 2019. JC]
4. Newsletter (*ARF Notes*): Ann Perkins. Ann reported that the deadline for news items in the next *ARF Notes* is April 12.

5. Historian: Doris Helfer. No report.
6. Webmaster: Eugene Turner. No report.
7. CSUN Faculty Senate Representative: Sharon Klein, acting for Barbara Swerkes. The agenda for the next Senate meeting, Thursday, April 11, will include (1) a no-confidence resolution directed against the CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White and (2) a discussion of the proposed reduction (6 to 3 units) of the Title 5 requirement.

### **Old Business**

1. Contingency Planning Task Force. Robert Kiddoo. The University Corporation is currently engaged in negotiations with Hilton Garden Inns to build a hotel on the site of the Orange Grove Bistro. If these plans progress as expected, ARF will have the use of the OGB throughout AY 2019/2020. After that, when the OGB is demolished, the University Corporation will open a new restaurant in the South Annex of the Bookstore. ARF may consider this as a site for future events.

### **New Business**

1. 2019 ARF Memorial Graduate Awards Committee Report. James Allen, John Clendenning, Virginia Lussier, Gary Lobb, Timothy Fox (Chair). Tim Fox led a discussion of this year's slightly modified application and evaluation processes. Soft copies of the applications were distributed to the committee on a flash drive, enabling each member to review them at their leisure at

home. This process worked well. 29 applications were received from 17 departments across the campus. The committee met on March 21 to distribute flash drives, hard copies of letters of recommendation, and to discuss evaluation criteria. The committee met again on April 4 and selected four applicants and two alternates. Looking forward to future evaluation processes, the committee discussed a number of procedural issues. The committee plans to meet again to discuss these issues and to recommend changes, if any, to the Executive Board.

The following applications were recommended:

- Chelsea Brisson (Biology). “The Effects of Bacteria on the Physiology of Symbiotic Coral-associated Microalgae.”
- Meaghan Clark (Biology). “Tasting the Rainbow: Geographic Variation in Palatability and Color Pattern in Red-Eyed Tree Frogs.”
- Rachel Hohn (Geology). “Assessing Remediation Efforts at the Abandoned New Idria Mercury Mine, California.”
- Alvin Miranda (Mechanical Engineering). “Applied Autonomous Mobile Robotics for the Mapping of Planar Structures Using Lamb Waves.”

**MSP** to approve this recommendation.

2. Nominating Committee. Pamela Bourgeois, Patrick Nicholson, Catherine Jeppson (Chair),. The committee recommends the following slate to serve on the ARF Executive Board in 2019/2020:

President: Pamela Bourgeois (elected)

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| Vice President-President-Elect | Timothy Fox (nominate)               |
| Immediate Past-President       | Catherine Jeppson (elected)          |
| Secretary                      | John Clendenning (nominate)          |
| Treasurer                      | Daniel Blake (nominate)              |
| Program Chair                  | Sharon Klein (nominate)              |
| <i>ARF Notes</i> Editor        | Ann Perkins (nominate)               |
| Membership Chair               | Diane Schwartz (nominate)            |
| Historian                      | Doris Helfer (nominate)              |
| Webmaster                      | Eugene Turner (nominate)             |
| Member-at-Large                | Shan Barkataki (nominate) 2 years    |
| Member-at-Large                | Phyllis Russell (nominate) 2 years   |
| Member-at-Large                | Patrick Nichelson (nominate) 2 years |
| Member-at-Large                | Carolyn Arthur (nominate) 1 year     |
| Member-at-Large                | Virginia Lussier (elected) 1 year    |
| Member-at-Large                | Robert Kiddoo (elected) 1 year       |

3. Update of CSU-ERFSA Meeting: Patrick Nichelson.

- a. Barry Pasternak (CSU Fullerton) has been nominated to serve as President of CSU-ERFSA starting Summer 2019.
- b. Catherine Nelson, Chair of ASCSU, spoke regarding the struggle between CSU Administration and statewide CSU Faculty on curricular issues, especially General Education. State Chair Nelson proffered several salutes to the CSU Northridge faculty for leading this struggle.

- c. Membership continues to be a problem. CSU-ERFSA is exploring new ideas regarding recruitment.
- d. Vote of No Confidence in CalPERS Board. The motion was withdrawn. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that current CSU-ERFSA President Bill Blischke compose, on behalf of the Statewide Council, a letter of grave concern to the CalPERS Board. The letter should be brief and focus on ERFSA's main objections to a proposed private equity scheme: it is fiscally perilous and devoid of accountability to CalPERS members.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Clendenning, Secretary