Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

10 September, 2020

1:00-3:00 pm

Meeting via Zoom

Present: Paula Arvedson, Peter Brier, Stan Burstein, Marshall Cates, Pat Chin, John Cleman, Steve Felszeghy, Janet Fischer-Hoult, José Galván , Alfredo Gonzalez, Martin Huld, Dorothy Keane, John Kirchner, Dimitri Margaziotis, Gary Novak, Kathy Reilly, Deborah Schaeffer, Ellen Stein, William Taylor, Andrew Winnick

Absent: Maria Boss, Nancy Hunt, Steve Ladochy, Barbara Sinclair

1.0 Announcements

1.1 J. Galván reported that he had approached the president’s office concerning J. Kirchner’s enquiry about emeriti access to the required Covid-19 training for on-campus visits and that Ana Caudillo would look into the matter.

1.2 J. Galván also reported that M. Boss regretfully informed him that she would no

longer be attending board meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

1.3 J. Fisher-Hoult announced that her trust would be updated soon and mentioned

the possibility of an increased contribution to the Emeriti Fund

2.0 Approval of the agenda

2.1 J. Cleman asked that the Senate report be added as item 5.4

2.2 D. Keane asked that Housing-challenged and food-deprived students be added

as item 7.4

2.3 The agenda as emended. m/s/p

3.0 Approval of the minutes.

3.1 Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2020, m/s/p

3.2 Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 27, 2020, m/s/p

4.0 Reports from Officers

4.1 President

4.1.1 J. Galván noted that written reports were distributed with the agenda

allowing members to raise questions

4.2 Vice President for Administration—No report

4.3 Vice President for Programs—No report

4.4 Membership Secretary—Written report attached

4.5 Treasurer—M. Cates reported that he had received 12 new memberships

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Fellowship Committee—no report (Unfinished Business item below)

5.2 Webmaster—Written report attached

5.2.1 D. Margaziotis noted that the website had been updated.

5.3 Lifelong Learning—Written report attached (New Business Item below)

5.3.1 P. Brier briefly noted that he was excited about the possibility of sharing

recorded presentations with board members.

5.3.1.1 A. Winnick asked “Are you anticipating that Lifelong Learning will

continue via Zoom

5.3.1.2 P. Brier replied that there appeared to be a sustained interest in

delivery of such content

5.3.1.3 A. Winnick announced that he would be willing to tape any of his previous presentations.

5.3.1.4 P. Brier thanked him for his offer.

5.4 Senate report.

5.4.1 J. Galván asked about the interest shown for the first reading item, the

disbanding of the Educational Equity Committee.

5.4.1.1 J. Cleman answered that a committee chaired by the Vice-

President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion would assume those duties,

but that he would be happy to raise any concerns regarding the

disbanding of the senatorial committee at the next Senate meeting.

5.4.1.2 A. Winnick suggested that we invite the Vice-President for

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for a time certain at a future meeting to

discuss our concerns.

5.4.1.3 J. Cleman suggested that the question should first be raised with the Senate.

5.4.1.4 J. Galván said that he would formulate a question on behalf of

the Emeriti Association for the Senate.

6.0 Unfinished Business

6.1 Arrangements for final placement of Len Mathy’s plaque

6.1.1 W. Taylor announced that arrangements for the plaque were proceeding.

6.1.2 J. Galván delegated final arrangements to B. Taylor and J. Cleman.

6.1.3 J. Cleman said that he had made arrangements for Len’s picture to be

reproduced on the plaque

6.1.3.1 J. Galván suggested that layout of the plaque be delegated to a

person with expertise in layout rather than a committee or the

board.

6.1.3.2 D. Keane requested that members be given a chance to see the text of the plaque

6.1.3.2.1 M. Cates suggested starting with 5 by 7 photo

6.1.3.2.2 J. Kirchner observed that pixel value rather than size

would be more important for accuracy.

6.1.3.2.3 M. Cates agreed that a minimum of 300 dpi was

required for good resolution

6.1.3.2.4 J. Cleman said that he would send the members the

working text and picture.

6.2 Pre-Election Program Events

6.2.1 D. Keane announced that two pre-election events were scheduled

for 6 October and 19 October, both from 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

6.2.1.1 On 6 October, there will be a Zoom presentation on ballot initiatives

6.2.1.2 The Zoom host would admit those who RSVP the flier

invitation

6.2.1.3 D. Keane would ask the dean if Russell Young could assist in Zoom hosting.

6.3 Planning for event to recognize/honor Fellowship recipients

6.3.1 A. Gonzalez reported that in the last Emeritimes he had left the

date of a virtual reception ceremony open and asked whether the

board’s preference was sooner or later.

6.3.1.1 Kathy Reilly observed that October already had two events planned and suggested an early date in November.

6.3.1.2 A. Gonzalez suggested the first or second week in

November.

6.3.2 A. Gonzalez suggested that the event might follow a webinar

format

6.3.2.1 S. Burstein suggsted that donors need to be invited.

6.3.2.2 D. Keane noted that student’s families should also be

invited.

6.3.2.3 S. Felszeghy asked if students unable to attend the virtual event could pre-record

6.3.3.4 A. Gonzalez said yes.

7.0 New Business

7.1 **The Emeritimes—TIME CERTAIN, 1:30 p.m., Ellen Stein**

7.1.0 editor-in-chief E. Stein discussed the current issue of the Emeritimes

7.1.0.1 D. Keane asked when the next issue would appear.

7.1.0.2 After discussion, E. Stein set a deadline for submissions at 16 September delegated various board members for submissions.

7.1.1 The Emeritimes Editorial Board

M. Cates expressed concern about the editorial board.

7.1.1.1 J. Galván announced that he would be asking members to

join the editorial board.

7.1.2 Distribution of the publication in the pandemic era

7.1.2.1 J. Galván opened a discussion on the distribution of the

Emeritimes.

7.1.2.1 D. Margaziotis asked who would send the files.

7.1.2.2 S. Felszeghy stated that he has an Excel file from which he could

create a mailing list

7.1.2.3 M. Cates observed that gmail has a 25MB limit on file size and

suggested that we might instead send a link to our website.

7.1.2.4 D. Margaziotis observed that regular mail is the preferred

contact, email second and the website the least favored.

7.1.2.5 S. Felszeghy stated that we have email addresses for 351

members and that we have no email address for 131 others.

7.1.2.6 E. Stein stated that she had experience sending a PDF file

through gmail.

7.1.2.7 P. Arvedson observed that she regularly sent FKF invitations

but that there was a limit of 500 to the number of senders

7.1.2.8 J. Galván asked E. Stein to consult with Dennis on the logistics of

sending the newsletter

7.1.3 Publication schedule

7.1.3.1 K. Reilly asked what the future publication schedule would be.

7.1.3.2 E. Stein observed that the original schedule centered around

Emeriti events for which it served as the major publicity forum.

7.1.3.3 J. Galván said that he would charge the editorial board with

creating a publication schedule.

7.2 Membership Committee recommendations

7.2.1 D. Schaeffer observed that currently annual dues are $30 per year and a

life membership was $250, and raised the question of whether it was

advisable to continue the little used policy of allowing annual members

with a record of ten consecutive years of paid membership to convert

that to a life membership.

7.2.1 W. Taylor observed that interest in conversion to life membership

seems to have diminished.

7.2.2 M. Cates noted that when the policy was adopted, annual dues

were then $25. He also noted that we currently have no way of

ascertaining who has been a paid annual member for ten years.

7.2.3 P. Arvedson proposed eliminating this practice. m/s/p

7.2.3.1 J. Cleman asked if the intent of the proposal was to deny

such paid annual members the opportunity of becoming life

members.

7.2.3.2 M. Huld replied no, the proposal merely eliminates

conversion of a ten-year history into an existing life membership;

it does not preclude an annual member of any duration from

paying the requisite dues to become a life member.

7.2.4 M. Cates asked why the former practice of sending blue envelopes to lapsed members had been discontinued.

7.2.4.1 J. Cleman responded that a letter got better results.

7.2.5 D. Keane asked S. Felszeghy if lapsed members were identified in

the database.

7.2.4.2 S. Felszeghy replied that in 2020 database they were

identifed. He added that the directory was received only by life

members and currently paid members.

7.2.2 Proposed new payment method for dues

7.3 Lifelong Learning Proposed New Format (Brier)

8.0 Adjournment at 3:08 pm

Respectfully submitted

Martin E. Huld