

University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 6, 2010  
413 Academy St.  
Conference Room

Present: Robert Brown, Joachim Elterich, Carol Hoffecker, Helen Morgan, Michael Pohlen, Frank Scarpitti, Robert Stark and Barbara Viera

Guests: Debra Hess Norris, Assistant Provost and Patricia Wilson, President's Chief of Staff

President Carol Hoffecker called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM

Carol introduced our guests.

Debra asked the Committee members how they felt UDARF could be involved in the Path to Prominence Program. The following items were discussed:

- Retired faculty can help students and junior faculty members by being role models for both.
- Connections which retired faculty members have with their colleges vary a great deal across units and connections are extremely important. It was emphasized that the lead in this area had to come from the colleges.
- There needs to be an infrastructure for supporting retired faculty, ex. secretarial services etc.
- A small sum of money should be set aside to support retired faculty members who need to travel to deliver a paper.
- Retired faculty would be happy to advise students in their area of expertise but are not called upon to do so.
- Help requested to this point has been on a one time only basis.
- Once a faculty member declares their intention to retire they are treated as if they already have.
- Assign a position as Office of Retired Faculty.
- In the past UDARF was under Human Resources, now we are under the Provost's Office and it is difficult to get the assistance that we need.
- Department offices need to be advised that they can look to retired faculty for ways that they can be of assistance.
- Joachim suggested that retired faculty can be of assistance in the community.
- Articles can be put in the *Messenger* about retired faculty members and what they are doing in the community.
- There should be a newsletter for retired faculty which is supported by the university.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

The treasurer's report indicated a \$ 1,730 budget, \$ 967.44 expenditures to date for a balance of \$ 762.56. The report was accepted.

The printing and distribution of a Retired Faculty Directory has been discontinued due to the expense.

Fifty percent of all retired faculty members live within a 50 mile radius of the University.

It was announced that the next newsletter will be out the week of April 11th.

The last luncheon of the year will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be President Harker.

Speakers for the 2010-2011 year were discussed and attempts will be made to schedule the following speakers:

October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tricia Wachendorf, Associate Professor of Sociology
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Don Sparks, Chairperson of Plant and Soil Science
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Maria Palacas, Program Director, Undergraduate Studies
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	President Harker

Joachim, Bob Stark and Mike formed a sub committee to attempt to set up an evening meeting about the economy, saving and budgeting with representatives of TIAA-CREF and Fidelity. This meeting will be in addition to the luncheon meetings.

Executive Committee meetings will be changed to the second Tuesday of the month proceeding the month of a luncheon for the 2010-2011 year.

Bob Stark will look into the possibility of using the Courtyard by Marriot as a future meeting place. Parking would be free and access easier.

Bob Stark is trying to organize a trip in the fall to the Shakespeare Theater to see Henry the VIII.

Frank suggested that communication with our members should be done by email for ease of communication and also for its cost saving. Email addresses are requested on the luncheon reservation forms.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,  
Barbara L. Viera, Secretary