University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Courtyard Marriott
Executive Board Room (#106)

Present
Bob Brown, George Conrade, Helen Morgan, Frank Scarpitti, and Bob Stark

Meeting Brought to Order
President Frank Scarpitti called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Secretary’s Report
The Minutes from the April 6 Executive Committee Meeting were approved as submitted by Barbara Viera. It was agreed that starting with the April 6 Minutes--upon approval by the Executive Committee--George Conrade (Webmaster) would add them to the UDARF website. It was also agreed to add a note to the entry about the 2010-11 luncheon meeting dates and speakers (these were only suggestions and consequently tentative) to call attention to the fact that some changes had been made. George will add a link, directing the reader to the website Calendar of Events for up-to-date information on dates and speakers.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer Bob Brown gave the balance in the UDARF general account as $3,282 which includes $1,500 provided by the Provost for the two Intellectual Journey presentations at the Courtyard Marriott. A second account (the “gift” account) has a balance of $1,035.45; and a third account (used for receipts and disbursements of luncheon fees) has a credit of $2,183.60. The Committee agreed that the latter amount would be used to cover the various expenses arising throughout the year, including the costs of luncheons for speakers and other guests as well as charges for equipment, such as projectors, microphones, etc. The Treasurer’s report was accepted as read.

Old Business
- Luncheon Meeting dates were confirmed as follows: Monday, October 4; Tuesday, December 7; Tuesday, March 1; and Monday, May 9.
- The speaker for Tuesday, March 1, will be Richard Hanley, associate professor of philosophy. His topic will be an explanation of Popular Culture.
- The Committee discussed the feasibility of sponsoring the energy conservation program which had been suggested previously. It was agreed that because of insufficient interest among our members, the limited resources of UDARF could be better used to further its perceived mission, i.e., the entertainment, education and collegial endeavors of its members.
- Also discussed was a possible general meeting with TIAA-CREF and Fidelity reps where UDARF members could receive financial advice pertinent to their retirement accounts. Because everyone has access to wealth management advisors and a small
group meeting would not be conducive to such personal issues, it was decided to table the idea for the present.

- Because the printing and distribution of the Retired Faculty Directory has been discontinued, creating an on-line directory is considered to be a viable alternative. The concerns for confidentiality and privacy were discussed. It was agreed that information would be published only if the utmost security could be maintained. In the meantime, Helen Morgan will take responsibility for revising the front pages of the database program so that an accurate, printable directory is available should anyone need a copy.

**New Business**

- In keeping with the Mission of UDARF, Frank explained his latest initiative, the “My Intellectual Journey” series. His thoughts behind the series are that we have stories of interest regarding our career choices. The theme revolves around how personal and professional lives might have influenced those choices. The first talk in the series will feature Wayne Craven, Professor Emeritus of Art History. Wayne will speak from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Courtyard Marriott. A wine and cheese reception will follow. Provost Tom Apple provided funding for this project.

- It was suggested that we look into taping Dr. Craven’s talk for the Archives and that we locate a picture of Dr. Craven (possibly one from the cover of his latest book) that George could post on-line with an entry on the Calendar & Events page.

- President Scarpitti mentioned that he had written a letter to Dr. Maxine Colm in which he congratulated her on her retirement and welcomed her as an Honorary Member of UDARF. This was in appreciation for her support and assistance to UDARF during her tenure.

- George Conrade may be able to post links to TIAA-CREF and Fidelity for members to contact their representatives and/or obtain retiree services.

- Because of Frank’s request that we pursue more electronic communications with our members—in the interests of quick access and cost saving—George will be compiling a directory of member e-mail addresses. There will be a broadcast message from Frank to the membership sent soon to test the process. All members are encouraged to provide their current e-mail addresses to either George Conrade gconrade@udel.edu or Helen Morgan hmorgan@udel.edu. George will maintain the file for future broadcast messages.

- Bob Stark will explore the possibility of another reading with Steve Teague (Theater). It is hoped that something similar to the previous “Love Letters” presentation would be possible for next year. Another possibility would be to tap the Music Department for talent there. Frank would encourage everyone to offer suggestions for possible topics for the coming year.

- It was suggested (and promptly rejected) that UDARF should charge members who come to the lunch meetings without reserving a place an additional fee over and above the cost of the luncheon. It was agreed that members should be informed that seating cannot be guaranteed without a reservation.

- The Academy of Lifelong Learning charges a registration fee to teach one of their courses. It was suggested that UDARF support the notion of extending the retiree
Course Fee Waiver Benefit to include the cost of Academy membership. Frank will explore this possibility with the University Administration.

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It was agreed that the Courtyard Marriot is a pleasing meeting place for the UDARF Executive Board. Parking is free, easily accessed with lots of spaces reserved for the handicapped. We will continue for the year. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Morgan, Secretary