University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Courtyard Marriott
Executive Board Room (#106)

Present
Executive Committee:
Bob Brown, Bob Carroll, Carol Hoffecker, Helen Morgan, Mike Pohlen, Larry Purnell, and Arlette Rasmussen,
Guest: Bob Stark

Bob Carroll was introduced as the newly appointed At Large Member.

Meeting Brought to Order
Vice President Mike Pohlen called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Secretary’s Report
The Committee approved the Minutes from November 9, 2010. Whitney Gunter (Assistant Webmaster) will add them to the UDARF website.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer Bob Brown reported the balances in the various UDARF accounts as follows:
- General Account - $3,561.57
- “Gift” Account - $1,035.45 (unchanged)
- Luncheon Account - $2,246.36
  The Committee accepted the report, as reported. Bob Brown described the back-up for activity in the accounts that he had received from Sarah Hedrick. He is now better able to understand and explain the various entries in each account.

Old Business
- The Intellectual Journey Series will continue thanks to additional funding from the Provost’s Office. In addition to this year’s presentation in April, there should be sufficient funds for two presentations next year. Meanwhile, Frank Scarpitti will arrange with the Marriott for at least forty attendees (seating, wine and cheese, etc.). The guest presenter is History Professor Emeritus, Willard Fletcher. His presentation, scheduled for four o’clock on April 14, will be at the Courtyard Marriott on the University’s north campus. As in November, a wine and cheese reception will follow the guest speaker’s address. The Committee agreed that: 1) early in April Whitney would send out an e-mail message with details about the event, and 2) we should mention the April 14 event at the next member luncheon.
The Committee reviewed the following information regarding the March 1 member meeting:
- Attendance begins at 1130.
- Place: Room 120, Clayton Hall
- Speaker: Richard Hanley, associate professor of philosophy.
- Topic: “Truth is Stranger than Science Fiction.”

Note that Bob Brown, UDARF treasurer, will introduce Professor Hanley. (The two were colleagues in the Philosophy Department before Bob Brown retired.)

Helen Morgan told the Committee that Whitney Gunter, assistant webmaster, did a fabulous job on the newly revised website. The home page was improved with pictures of future guest speakers and timely news links. There is a link to President Harker’s spring 2011 address on the home page. Whitney added the Minutes from the previous Committee meeting to the “Minutes” section soon after their approval. There was no progress to report on the links to TIAA-CREF and Fidelity sites, but we are working on it.

Helen Morgan reported on the progress made in the area of electronic communications. Whitney created a G-mail account for sending e-mail messages to UDARF members. Both Helen and Frank have access to this account as well as Whitney. G-mail is a relatively easy way to maintain an accurate directory of e-mail addresses for future broadcast messages. There were only three bad addresses from our most recent e-mail, which is a huge improvement over the 65 plus from the previous mailing.

New Business

- Frank Scarpitti had requested earlier that the Committee consider possible presenters for next year’s Intellectual Journey series in November 2011 and April 2012. Mike asked if anyone had any suggestions. Several names were mentioned during and after the meeting. There will be more on this at the next x-comm meeting in April.
- The Committee agreed that a “Celebration of the Arts” theme for the new year would be unique and exciting--hopefully, exciting enough to encourage greater attendance at the lunch meetings. In keeping with the theme, internationally renowned Professor of Music Xiang Gao has agreed to play his violin and discuss his music at the October lunch meeting. Presentations suggested for December and March include the PTTP (Theatre), John Weiss Photos (Art), Paul Jones Collection (Museum Studies) and possibly a reading from a famous play. Committee members introduced other topics--not part of the “Arts” theme--such as Professor Wool’s research and how to create crossword puzzles. We expect to resolve next year’s programs at the next Committee meeting in April.
- Helen Morgan reported that there were seven recent faculty retirees added to the UDARF membership list. President Scarpitti sent welcome letters to the following: Hilton Brown (Art), Irene Davis (Physical Therapy), Mary Donaldson-Evans (Foreign
Languages and Literatures), Theodore Kempski (Athletics), Paul Mettler (Physical Therapy), George Molloy (Biological Sciences), and Thomas Pauly (English).

- Effective July 1, Margaret (Maggie) Andersen will no longer be the Provost Office Liaison for UDARF. Maggie’s responsibilities for UDARF will shift to Dr. Nancy Brickhouse as of that date. It was suggested that both Maggie and Nancy be invited, as guests of UDARF, to attend the May lunch meeting.

- Mike Pohlen reminded the Committee that the May member meeting date is Monday, May 9. Note that this is a Monday rather than the usual Tuesday. President Harker will address the membership on the traditional “State of the University” topic.

- We are looking forward to the return of Frank Scarpitti and Barbara Viera who are wintering in Florida. They should be back in time to hear Willard Fletcher’s Intellectual Journey on April 14. In the meantime, Mike Pohlen presided over the meeting with enthusiasm; everyone appreciated his efforts.

- The next Exec Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2:00 pm in the Courtyard Marriot Executive Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Morgan, Secretary