University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 13, 2011  
Courtyard Marriott  
Executive Board Room (#106)

Present  
Bob Brown, Carol Hoffecker, Helen Morgan, Mike Pohlen, and Frank Scarpitti  
Guest: Bob Stark

Absent - (Out of Town)  
Bob Carroll, Larry Purnell, Arlette Rasmussen, and Barb Viera

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

Secretary’s Report  
The Executive Committee approved the Minutes from April 12 (submitted earlier electronically). Frank Scarpitti reminded the group that after Executive Committee approval, we tell Whitney to post the Minutes on-line--http://www.udel.edu/UDARF/newsletters.html.

Treasurer’s Report  
Treasurer Bob Brown stated the balance for the UDARF General Account as $5,721.58 which includes $1,500 from the Provost for two Intellectual Journey presentations at the Courtyard Marriott. A second account, the “gift” account, shows a balance of $1,035.45; and a third account (used for receipts and disbursements of luncheon costs) has a credit of $1,321.52. This latter account balance can be used for expenses, such as luncheon costs for speakers/guests and charges for equipment, such as projectors, microphones, etc. The Committee accepted the Treasurer’s report, as read.

Old Business

- In keeping with our Celebration of the Arts theme, Frank confirmed future luncheon meetings as follows:  
  - Tuesday, October 4; Presenter: Xiang Gao, Professor of Music;  
  - Tuesday, December 6; Presenter Sanford Robbins, Chair of the Theatre Department;  
  - Tuesday, March 6; Presenter: John J. Weiss, Retired Professor of Art; and  
  - Wednesday, May 9; Presenter, Patrick T. Harker, UD President.

- Frank also confirmed the two guest speakers for the Intellectual Journey series for the coming year: Professor Emerita Carol Hoffecker, will speak on November 10 and Professor Emeritus. Karl Boer, on April 12, 2012.

- Helen Morgan mentioned that printed versions of the UDARF membership directory are available upon request. Helen will print one on her home computer should anyone need a copy.
The electronic directory of e-mail addresses is complete. Frank was able to utilize this most efficient means of informing the membership of upcoming events, such as the Intellectual Journey presentations. As mentioned in the last quarter Minutes, all members are encouraged to provide their current e-mail addresses to Helen Morgan hmorgan@udel.edu. Helen is maintaining the file for future broadcast messages.

New Business

1) In appreciation for her efforts on behalf of UDARF, the Committee suggested inviting Maggie Anderson to the October lunch meeting, as a Guest of UDARF. We also invited Nancy Brickhouse, UDARF’s new Liaison in the Provost’s Office.

2) There was considerable debate over future costs of our quarterly luncheons. The Committee finally agreed to charge members an extra $2 for lunch. Beginning with December, the luncheon cost will be $17/person. Note that this increase is necessary as Clayton Hall Catering increased their pricing schedules considerably and could no longer provide satisfactory meals for the $15 previously charged.

3) With regard to the slate of new officers for the May 2012-2013 Year, Frank announced the Nominating Committee would be comprised of Lou Mosberg, Ivo Dominguez, Phil Flynn and Helen Morgan. Lou Mosberg will Chair this committee. As stated in the By-Laws of the Association, “The Nominating Committee shall report to the Executive Committee by March 1 and voting instruction should be received by the membership by April 1. Properly executed ballots must be received prior to the May meeting.”

4) The Committee agreed to discuss, at the next Board meeting in November, the possibility of another lunch that would feature the Provost,--perhaps in February.

5) Bob Stark mentioned that the Faculty Room in the Morris Library was expensive for Susan B to operate and suggested that UDARF might provide some modicum of financial support towards that endeavor. Bob will explore this a bit more with Susan before we go forward.

6) Everyone agreed that the Courtyard Marriot is a delightful meeting place for the Executive Board and that we should continue to hold our quarterly meetings there. Helen and Frank will contact Claudia Scalia to arrange for both the X-comm and Intellectual Journey meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Morgan, Secretary