

**University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Courtyard Marriott
Executive Board Room (#106)**

Present

Board Members: Bob Brown, Phil Flynn, Louise Little, Lou Mosberg, Frank Scarpitti, and Stuart Sharkey.

Guests: Bob Stark

Absent

Bob Carroll

Meeting Brought to Order

President Stuart Sharkey called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. and welcomed the new at large Board members, Phil Flynn and Lou Mosberg to the first meeting of the 2012-14 term.

Secretary's Report

The Executive Committee will address the approval of the Minutes from the April meeting electronically by responding to Louise Little with corrections and/or approval with the understanding that Louise Little will ask Whitney Gunter to add them to the UDARF website:
<http://www.udel.edu/UDARF/newsletters.html>.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Brown provided the Board with the latest accounting of deposits and expenses since the last Board meeting. He noted that there would be adjustments forthcoming that should appear on the next set of statements. The current balances are as follows:

1 - UDARF Main Account: Balance (7/13/2012) shown is \$1,839.68 (includes costs from Graphics for printing and mailing the April Newsletter, the May Intellectual Journey costs from Marriott Courtyard and payment to web manager).

New balance for 2012-13 fiscal year is \$5,782.00 received from Provost's office. This is the same amount as granted last year.

2 - Gift Account: Balance of \$1,035.45 (unchanged--no activity); and

3 - Luncheon Account – Balance as of 8/29/2012 is \$1,100.36. (This balance reflects payments/charges for December and March lunches and charges for May luncheon, but does not include deposits for the May luncheon.) The balance from 2011-12 fiscal year was carried forward. The Board accepted the Treasurer's report, as presented.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- **Luncheon speakers and arrangements:** The October and March meetings will address the national election process, outcomes and implications. The December meeting will be a speaker that relates to events related to the Holidays. President Sharkey will make arrangements for these speakers. The location is Clayton Hall on Tuesdays at 11:30am. The speakers as known to date are:

October 2, 2012 Ralph Begleiter

December 4, 2012
March 4, 2013
May 7, 2013 President Harker (date tentative pending the President's calendar)
Details about the luncheons were discussed and Ann Ardis, new interim deputy Provost will be a guest at the October lunch. Phil Flynn will be her host.

- **The Intellectual Journey** Speakers were recommended and Stuart will finalize arrangements. The meeting dates are on Thursday and speakers confirmed to date are:
November 15, 2012- Frank Scarpitti
April 11, 2013-
- Leslie Goldstein requested that UDARF advocate for funds for retired faculty to receive travel funds for professional meetings where they are presenting papers. The Board voted to form a committee that Leslie could select and chair to pursue this idea on behalf of UDARF.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - a. It was noted that faculty appreciated the change for retired faculty to receive more parking options on central campus as part of the free parking benefit. This was pursued by past president Frank Scarpitti last spring with the positive results noted.
 - b. Louise brought up the fact that she was told that the decrease in computer support includes no anti-virus support for retired faculty. Previously it was reported that the decrease was related to the nature of the contract between UD and Microsoft and the definition of faculty and who would receive updates etc. The Board noted that retired faculty with emerita/emeritus designation should rightfully be noted as UD faculty even in the absence of a paycheck from the university. Stuart will invite an administrator of the Computing Center to join us at the next Board meeting to discuss the implications of these decisions.
- The rest of the meeting was an informal discussion regarding logistics for keeping the address list current and the need to continue to the practice of communicating with the spouses of deceased retired faculty. It was decided that Louise should draft a letter to the family of the deceased faculty to inform them of their option to be a UDARF member and to solicit mailing and/or e-mail addresses.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Little, Secretary