

University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty (UDARF)

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 - 2:00 pm

Lobby– Courtyard by Marriott

Present: Janet Johnson, Carolyn Manning, James O'Neill, William Saylor

Absent: Philip Goldstein

President Saylor called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

- I. Minutes of November 11, 2022, meeting – approved & will be posted on the UDARF website

- II. Treasurer's Report – reviewed Fall 2022 charges (especially the fees & nonfood charges) for the 2 luncheon & the Intellectual Journey program. Agreed we needed to charge \$25 per person for the next 2 luncheon programs and will also have a discussion with catering.

- III. Speakers for 2023
Luncheon Mar 1 – Dr James Butkiewicz is scheduled
Luncheon May 3 – President Assanis is being invited

Intellectual Journey Mar 23 – Dr James Magee is scheduled; according to the sign-in sheet for the December program there were 32 attendees; in the interest of controlling costs, 2 food displays, rather than 3 will be ordered & no soda, but iced water will always be available.

- IV. Planning for 2023-2024 – we need to start thinking about 4 possible luncheon speakers & 2 possible My Intellectual Journey speakers so come to our April 18th meeting with specific names.

- V. UDARF Research Grant Program for 2023 – The Provost has again provided \$5000 for this program. An announcement will be sent out now with the March 15th application deadline. Vice-president Jim O'Neill oversees this program. The reviewers (Hal White & Dan Rich) are the same as for the 2022 program as they serve a 2-year term.

- VI. Retiree Health Benefits – We discussed the next step, including providing members with a letter about what's happening and what our members can do e.g., attending the State Employee Benefits Committee (SBEC) meetings (by Zoom or in person in Dover) and signing up for the RISE (Retirees Investing in Social Equity) newsletter as well as making a financial donation to support their legal work.

VII. Other business – none

The meeting ended at 3:15 pm & next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th.

Minutes prepared & submitted by Carolyn K. Manning, UDARF Secretary.