

University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty (UDARF)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sept 19, 2023 - 2:00 pm

Lobby– Courtyard by Marriott

Present: Philip Goldstein, Janet Johnson, Carolyn Manning, James O’Neill, William Saylor

President Saylor called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

1. Minutes of April 18, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting- approved by email in May & posted on the UDARF website.
2. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Funding for 2023-2023 from the Provost's Office
 - a. President Saylor contacted the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Matthew Kinservik (liaison to UDARF) to discuss funding for 2023-24 which remains at the \$3000 provided during COVID. PreCOVID UDARF was budgeted \$5000 to support the 4 luncheon programs & the 2 Intellectual Journey programs. Waiting to hear back from him.
 - b. Suggested that he be invited as a guest to a luncheon program to orient him to UDARF.
 - b. Balance in 'Gift Account' and methods to supplement
 - a. No report on the balance.
 - b. An idea used in the past one time to supplement this account was to have members donate money for beverages at the Intellectual Journey event.
3. Planning for 2023-2024 events
 - a. Luncheon Series at The Audion
 - October 2 - Dr. David Shearer, Ukraine (W. Saylor will contact)
 - November 29 – Brian Floriani, Bernie’s Book Bank (J. O’Neill will contact)
 - March 6 – Daniel Freeman, Horn Program in Entrepreneurship (J. O’Neill will contact.)
 - April 25 – John Earnest, Professor of African American Studies (P. Goldstein will contact)
 - b. My Intellectual Journey Series at The Courtyard by Marriott
 - November 8 - Dr. David Herman, Professor Emeritus of Music & University Organist (W. Saylor will contact)
 - April 4 suggestions: Monika Shafi (J. Johnson will contact); Carol Hoffecker (W. Saylor will follow up on this if others not available)
4. Survey of UDARF Membership – discussed surveying members to get ideas for UDARF & maybe suggestions for other UDARF activities; no final decision reached.

5. Update on Retiree Health Benefits - Joan DeFattore to provide a report to members later today (September 19, 2023)

6. Other Business

- a. Teresa Daggert, Sr Retirement Specialist in HR, provided earlier in the summer the list of faculty retirees who retired in 2022 & then recently contacted for the 2023 retirees. She wondered if UDARF should set up a link to enroll, which she could share with retirees.

- b. C. Manning: I would like to acknowledge Dick Sacher, previous UDARF Secretary, for all his help in supporting me in work relating to maintaining the UDARF Word Press webpage & the email contacts list as well as using UDARF Announcements to communicate with members. His computer & software technology skills are amazing!

The meeting ended at 3 pm with the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 at 2 p.m.

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