Minutes  
Executive Board of the Emeriti Society  
Monday, September 8, 2014  
DeRosa Center

Present: Ken Beauchamp, Judy Chambers, Roy Childs, Roland di Franco, Roseann Hannon, Doris Meyer, Mike Sharp, Bill Topp

1. The minutes from the meeting on Aug. 4, 2014 were approved

2. Treasurer’s Report: none—no activity

3. Cabbages and Kings: October 6 copy deadline; October 10 publication date. Frequency of issue: twice a year (see discussion under item 4).

4. Flash news reports: Bill Topp will create periodic (as the news events warrant) email news bulletins containing such items as announcements of celebrations of life, Academic Council news, wine&cheese events, obituaries, and other news relevant to emeriti.

5. Walt and Bill updates: Bill will be Director of Communication and Walt will be the Listmaster. Links to Academic Council minutes and OLLI events will be included on the web site.

6. Wine & Cheese: December 5 Friday afternoon wine & cheese event like last December’s with no speaker. Room TBD. Fall luncheon: October 21 (subsequently changed to October 28). Location: Alumni House; Food Bon Appetit. Caterer will provide berry tarts to support Bill Swagerty request. Follow usual schedule of events. Roland to invite Courtney L. and the Provost. Not a business meeting but should do sign-up for specific tasks sheets.

7. Updating emeriti history doc.: there were three original ideas for updating sections. One of those is clearly redundant. The other two are maybes. Try to recruit Deann Christianson to help Doris and Ken decide what is to be done. Roland suggested a summary annual report of the main things done during the year.

8. Summary of Meeting with Provost Pallavicini:  
A pleasant, relaxed positive discussion of various items. Some hint that she might wish to fund more of the costs of the W&C events. Suggested that the library grant for oral histories might continue since no sunset rule in place. Roland suggested that we should plan a meeting with the Provost in January before 2nd semester classes begin to discuss a concrete proposal for an increase in funds from her office for luncheons and W&C events, and if, by then, we have something concrete to propose about enhanced...
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9. Possible emeriti fundraising projects: Rosie reported on her meeting with Jennifer Torres Siders (Beyond Our Gates—Community Relations Manager). There are two major project areas: the Tomorrow Project, and Reading by Third. The Tomorrow Project includes Harmony Stockton and a set of STEM projects (Reach for the Stars—Engineering; MESA—Sch. of Ed, Delta, Stockton Schools; and summer migrant student program in math. with Lodi Unified). Reading by Third is currently K-3 and focused on the Sierra Vista children in cooperation with Michael Tubbs, the Housing Authority, and United Way. Since there was interest in all of these possibilities, Rosie will revisit with Torres Siders to get more details, then present this information to the Board in order to make a selection. It was suggested that Dennis Brennan should attend.

10. Continuing OofP concerns: The number limit appears to be an academic rumor with no basis in formal action by the Board of Regents. The issue is differing understanding of the meaning of the criterion--making exceptional contributions beyond doing one’s job well. Roland will consult with Gene Pearson regarding recent Awards Committee activities. Following that perhaps we should ask the Executive Board of the Academic Council to explore this issue further, including consideration of Reuben Smith’s suggestion of an Academic Council controlled honor limited to faculty.

11. Increasing involvement of emeriti in Society activities: Roy reported the results of his interviews with 16 emeriti. The five-page report deserves to be read in its entirety (attached to these minutes), and I won’t try to summarize it. Included on page 5 is a list of those who might be willing to serve on the executive committee; Roy will ask three of those to attend the next meeting and consider executive committee membership—Dale Dunmire, Dale McNeal, and Reuben Smith.

12. Doris requested that new oral history candidate names be suggested at the next meeting.

13. Next meeting: October 6 (Monday).

Co-Chair rotation schedule:
  September: Roy and Bill
  October: Bill and Glee
  November: Glee and Skip
  December: Skip and Judy
  January: Judy and Roland
  February: Roland and Doris
Ongoing Tasks

Luncheons: Judy & Bill
Wine & Cheese: Doris & Mike
Cabbages & Kings: Mike
Director of Communication: Bill
List master: Walt
Emeriti Society Monograph: Doris & Bill
  Annual Update of Monograph: Emeriti Secretary
Oral History Project: Doris
Bridge to Asia: Roland
Provost’s Office Contact: Roland
Retirement Dinner Liaison with Provost: Rosie
Welcome Letter to New Emeriti: Acting Chair
Academic Council Representative: Roland
University Compensation Committee: Ken