

The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting, May 24, 2012
Alumni Conference Room, Stitzlein Center

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Gandee. Others present were Hank Nettling, Loren Hoch, Linda and Mike Sugarman, Ed Lasher, Tom Vukovich, Bob Blankenship, Jim Fee, Neal Raber, Barbara Banks, Velma Pomrenke, Pam Rupert, Marilyn Carrell, Carl Lieberman, Frank Thomas and Hans Zbinden. Absent with notice were Diane Vukovich, June Burton and Bill Beyer. The minutes of the April 25 meeting were approved as written.
2. **Treasurer** Bob Blankenship reported an available balance of \$7,235.61 as of April 30, 2012. This compares with a balance of \$6,557.24 on April 30, 2011. It was moved to accept the report, subject to audit. See attached financial summary.
3. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. Programs.** Tom Vukovich reported that we had 34 participants on our April 26 Road Trip to Alliance. Our May 18 Lobster and Suds Party attracted 74 paying guests, of which about 10 were new or first time guests. Tom summerized income and expenses connected with the two events. He suggested that to accomodate the vegetarians in our group, we charge them only \$8.

Tom concluded by reporting that Zwisler Hall is now reserved for us for May 17, 2013 for our next Lobster and Suds Party. Because we (AUAR) are now regarded as "desirable patrons," we do not need to submit a deposit at this time.
 - B. Membership.** Jim Fee reported on the response to requests to renew membership in AUAR for the coming year. As of May 24, 2012, there were 137 renewals and 11 complimentary memberships.
 - C. Political Action / Affiliates.** Hank Nettling reported that much of the discussion at the OCHER meeting of May 15 centered again on the retirement financial struggle in four of Ohio's five pension funds. Hank distributed copies of two op-ed articles from the Columbus Dispatch. 1) Fix the Pensions. Lawmakers should end delay and adopt reforms to strengthen the funds. 2) Retirement systems need overhaul, not more tweeks.
 - D. Benefits.** Linda Sugarman reminded us to renew our automobile parking permits. They will expire June 30, 2012.
 - E. Faculty Senate.** Neal Raber reported on the Faculty Senate meeting of May 3, 2012. President Proenza began the meeting by reporting that the bill providing for the acquisition of the Central Hower Building had been approved by the State House but yet still needed approval by the Senate.

Provost Sherman reported that there would be a net increase in 28 faculty for the next school year. and a 9% increase in students with an ACT score greater than 24

Mr. Jim Sage, VP for Information Technology Services / Chief Information Officer and Mrs. Holly Harris-Bane, Assoc. VP for Strategic Initiatives and Engagement reported the start of negotiations with Pearson Learning of Denver, Colorado to administer the E-Learning courses at U. of A. They indicated that they would eventually have a web site that would provide other information about negotiations with Pearson.

Next on the agenda was the report by Senator Bill Rich from the ad hoc Committee on Criminal Justice and Summit College. The committee decided to recommend that Summit College Faculty meet with CAS faculty to strengthen the degree proposal by CAS to include requirements that would satisfy the Criminal Justice Certificate. The ad hoc Committee plans to prepare guidelines for what degrees are appropriate for Summit College.

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A report from the Academic Policies Committee indicated that final approval was granted for the combination of the College of Health Sciences and the College of Nursing.

Next on the agenda was the Athletics Committee annual report. Senator Ducharme reported that there was no annual report, because the committee members could not agree on its content, nor on its tone.

The meeting concluded with the annual report by the ad hoc Committee on Part-Time Faculty Issues, mainly stating that laptops had been successfully issued to part-time faculty members.

F. University and Community Service. Carl Lieberman reporting for Bill Beyer. Performances of interest at E. J. Thomas Hall.

- a) June 12 and 13, Blue Man Group.
- b) October 20, Docs Who Rock.

Performances at the Civic Theater.

- c) June 15 and 16, Hairspray.
- d) September 21, Wanda Sykes Live.

Community Activities.

- e) July 21, Soap Box Derby.
- f) July 26 - 29, Akron Arts Exposition at Hardesty Park.
- g) August 18, University Park Art Fair at Grace Park.
- h) September 29, Akron Marathon.

Carl concluded the report by noting that the amount available for our AUAR Scholarship is now in the range of \$1500.

G. Newsletter. Pam Rupert indicates that she welcomes general reports as well as obituary notices which pertain to University faculty and staff. The coming edition of **AUAR NEWSLETTER** will feature an article on Alberta Hensley.

4. Unfinished Business.

A. Bob Gandee distributed a summary of the May 17 planning meeting for the Oct. 24 Successful Aging Symposium.

B. Membership Survey. Linda Sugarman reported on the results of the recent AUAR survey of our members. There was feedback on AUAR oriented activities and interest expressed in the various programs planned for the October 24 Symposium.

C. The AUAR Nomination Committee recommends the following tentative slate to be presented to the Association membership to serve as officers or representatives beginning July 1, 2012.

Vice President: Frank Thomas
Treasurer: Robert Blankenship
Recording Secretary: Hans Zbinden
Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Banks
Public Relations Officer: Pamela Rupert.
Members-at-large of the Executive Board: Pamela Rupert, Neal Raber,
Marling (Newt) Engle.

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommended tentative slate of the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

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5. New Business.

A. Carl Lieberman distributed the following Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Association of the University of Akron Retirees, as amended, to read as follows:

There shall be an Executive Board consisting of elected officers of the Association: the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Public Relations Officer, six members-at-large, and two senators representing the retirees in the Faculty Senate. All Retired Presidents of the University of Akron shall be honorary Presidents of the Association and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership.

It was moved and seconded to accept the amended Article III, Section 1, of our AUAR Constitution. The motion passed unanimously. It will be presented at the first fall annual meeting for approval and then voted on at the following annual meeting in June, 2013.

B. Other Concerns. Tom Vukovich reported that the speaker for our October luncheon will be Mary McClure, a local historian.

Adjournment was at 11:35 a.m.

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary.

Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, June 28, 2012

