

The Association of the University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting, May 22, 2014
Alumni Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium

1. **Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order by President June Burton at 10 a.m. Others present were Carl Liebedrman, Bob Blankenship, Ed Lasher, Neal Raber, Frank Thomas, Hank Nettling, Dan Sheffer, Pam Rupert, Loren Hoch, Linda Sugarman, Diane and Tom Vukovich. Absent with notice were Barbara Banks and Bob Gandee. The minutes of the April 27, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
2. **Treasurer:** Bob Blankenship reported an available balance of \$5,897.04 as of April 30, 2014. This compares with a balance of \$6,444.91 as of April 20, 2013. It was moved to accept the report, subject to audit. Bob noted that Stuart Terrass has agreed to help Bob in keeping records.
3. **Committee Reports.**
 - A. **Programs.** Tom Vukovich noted that the speaker for the fall luncheons is complete. One small change is that the November 12 luncheon will meet in Ballroom C in Quaker Square. Tom indicated that 33 retirees enjoyed the spring bus tour; among the highlights were the Ancient Indian Village and the Holiday Winery. About 75 retirees, spouses and guests enjoyed the Lobster and Suds event. We have reserved the room at St. Sebastian Hall for next year.
 - B. **Membership.** Frank Thomas reported that we have 289 paid members as of May 1, 2014. He also reported that the Scholarship donations as part of the renewal form brought in \$2800.00 for the 2013-2014 year and \$1800.00 for the 2012-2013 year. Discussion from the floor took note of the reality of gradual loss of our membership numbers; we must continue to make contact with new retirees.
 - C. **Political Action.** Hank Nettling reported on the highlights of the May 20, 2014 OCHER meeting which focused on the OCHER Board's Strategic Goal # 2, on the long term Health Care Strategic Framework, and on Primary Objectives.
 - D. **Benefits.** Linda Sugarman summarized changes to the STRS Health Care Program which are detailed in the May 16, 2014 STRS Board News.
 - E. **Faculty Senate.** Neal Raber reported on the meeting of May 1, 2014.

In his opening remarks, Chair Bill Rich mentioned that the University Council Budget and Finance Committee members were actively involved with CFO Cummins in working on the final details of the 2014-2015 budgets. As a result, budget cuts to academic units were reduced and reductions were instead imposed on scholarships and Achieving Distinction awards. He concluded by thanking President Proenza for his 15 ½ years of service to the university. The Senate gave the President a round of applause.

Provost Sherman was not in attendance, but he did provide a written report. In it he pointed out that we are graduating about 300 more students this spring compared to last spring. His report also mentioned that the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution supporting the president's recommendation to accept the Faculty Senate's report and recommendations related to Academic Program Review (APR).

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E. Faculty Senate(cont).

The senators elected John B. Nicholas, currently the Athletics Committee chair, to be the Faculty Senate representative to the Council on Intercollegiate Athletics.

The Senate passed a resolution to recommend that the Department of Allied Health Technology be moved as a unit to the College of Health Professions effective July 1, 2014, where it shall be the School of Allied Health Technology. The senate also passed a recommendation to provide that the inter-college transfer (ICT) of transfer students be based solely on their University of Akron cumulative grade-point average, after the completion of 15 or more credit hours at The University of Akron. ICT would not be based on grades earned at the institution from which the student transferred, as it has been.

The meeting continued with the passing of the following resolutions pertaining to Summit College:

- (1) Community Services Technology – Addictions program be moved to the School of Social Work in the College of Health Professions effective July 1, 2014.
- (2) The Criminal Justice Technology programs and associated faculty be moved, as a unit, to BCAS, effective July 1, 2014.
- (3) Change the mission statement of the College to read: “The mission of the College is to prepare students for professional and technology based careers through applied degrees and partnerships with area businesses and the larger community. Its diverse, interdisciplinary, student-centered faculty promote creativity and innovation by connecting theory to practice.”
- (4) Change the name of the College to the College of Applied Sciences and Technology or, if not that, the College of Technology and Professional Studies.
- (5) Reorganize the College into four departments: The Department of Engineering and Science Technology; the Department of Business and Information Technology; the Department of Public Service Technology; and the Department of Associate Studies. This reorganization reflects the movements of the Department of Allied Health Technology and the Addictions Program recommended above, and the movement of Developmental Programs from Summit College, most likely to Student Success.

Additionally, the Faculty Senate approved the recommendation to adopt August 1, 2014 as the deadline for the enrollment of new, first-year undergraduate students for the Fall Semester of 2014, except that students may be enrolled after that date if, taking the status of their financial aid (if any) into account, it is determined that their finances are likely to be in order by the beginning of the semester. The Senate then approved the resolution to increase the maximum number of credits part-time faculty members may teach in a semester from eight to nine; and that part-time faculty should no longer be required to report to the University the hours they work; and, that the Faculty

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Senate requests that the Administration consult with the Faculty Senate about any proposed changes to the University rule governing the appointment of part-time faculty.

Next, a resolution to recommend that the Registrar allow at least 15 minutes between final exams was approved.

The last item of business was the General Education Implementation Plan. Several senators wanted its approval tabled until the October meeting. The meeting was finally enlivened by the arguments for and against the motion. It was enough to wake Bob! In the end, it was not tabled and the plan was passed to begin immediately.

The meeting adjourned around 5:00 pm! No more reports until September!

F. Scholarship. Hank Nettling reported that the total contributions to date to our AUAR Endowment Fund are \$59,974. Most recent contributions amount to \$204.

G. Newsletter. No report.

4. Unfinished Business. Discussion from the floor noted that at our just completed Board elections Dan Sheffer was voted into the office of Vice President, leaving Dan's previous office, Member at Large, vacant. A motion came from the floor to ask Stuart Terrass to join our AUAR Executive Board to fill the vacancy of Member at Large. This motion passed unanimously.

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Hans Zbinden, recording secretary
Next Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, June 26, 2014
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