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Minutes, ARF Executive Board

March 09, 2016

Board Members Present: Alyce Akers, Daniel Blake, Max Lupul, Ron McIntyre, Patrick Nichelson, Nancy Owens, Ann Perkins, Karen Robinette, Phyllis Russell, Christine Smith, Diane Schwartz, Barbara Swerkes, Cindy Ventuleth

Monthly Business

1. **Call to order and adoption of agenda:** Alyce Akers
President Alyce Akers called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. in the Orange Grove Bistro, CSUN. **MSP** to approve the agenda as amended.
2. **Adoption of Agenda.** **MSP**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Patrick Nichelson (filling in for Secretary Margaret Holzer who was excused)
The minutes had been distributed before the meeting for editing and were now included in the board packet for this meeting.
MSP to approve the minutes as corrected.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Dan Blake
Dan distributed the Treasurer's Report of 03/02/2016. (See Attached). He noted that there was nothing unusual in this update. After a brief review of the Report, **MSP** to approve.
5. **President's Announcement:** Alyce Akers
Alyce reported on her and Don Cameron's recent one-hour meeting with President Dianne Harrison. Alyce and Don were pleased with the time and attention that the President gave to the session. She clearly knew the purpose of the meeting. In preparation for the session, the President had previously spoken with the college deans about engaging ARF volunteers in various activities toward supporting the University's mission. She reported that after the Library the College of Health and Human Development involves the most retirees. Provost Yi Li (**who was also at the president's meeting??**) said he would like help from retired faculty. Alyce spoke with the President regarding the ARF's

challenges in contacting retired faculty (emails, home addresses, et cetera). Harrison said she would follow up on this issue in order to facilitate ARF's outreach.

During this report, Treasurer Dan Blake reminded the Board that ARF helps keep faculty attached to CSUN, and that this can be a help to the University's development activities. ARF is a bonus to CSUN and the President and Provost should be aware of that.

6. Board Members' Announcements. There were no announcements.

Reports of Standing Committees

1. Program Committee: Alyce Akers for Committee Chair Karen Robinette who was excused.

Alyce reminded the Board members of the upcoming field trip to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena. April 6. Alyce has arranged with

the office of Council Member Mitch Englander's office to provide a bus from CSUN to the Museum. She reminded the members that the Program Committee is hard at work on next year's schedule of presenters and events. There also was some discussion regarding the

invoice for the 2016 spring Banquet.

2. Membership Committee: Diane Schwartz

Diane reported that at long last there are some breakthroughs on obtaining the PERS lists of names and addresses for retired faculty. ERFA (the statewide Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association: Don Cameron, Executive Director) has helped assisted ARF in this effort. Diane has provided committee member Larry Caretto with the addresses. The committee will get ahold of the names of emeriti candidates for this (2016) Spring. An ARF representative, perhaps Alyce, will make a presentation to current retirees. Don Cameron will assist ARF with an accounting of ARF members whose dues are received through ERFA. Dan has the list.

Diane provided an outline of the committee's work plan for 2016-2017 (attached). **MSP to recognize the Membership Committee for its continuing outstanding work.**

3. Newsletter: Ann Perkins

Members congratulated Ann for the quality and interest of “ARF Notes,” the association’s newsletter. Along with the traditional sorts of articles, upcoming issues may highlight the CSU’s and CSUN’s plans for the construction of a hotel on the campus. According to some sources, this scheme now is only in the talking stage. Others say the hotel is coming and it will be built on the property that now contains the CSUN Orange Grove Bistro (formerly the Faculty Club). Such a replacement would have a serious impact for faculty and staff, as well as for the ARF organization. The Bistro, which was in part physically constructed by faculty and administrators, is a campus heritage venue. Among others CSU officials, “ARF Notes” plans to interview Colin Donahue, CSUN Vice President and Chief Financial Officer regarding plans for an on-campus hotel.

4. Historian: Christine Smith

Chris spoke about the upcoming Hansen Scholars (graduate student) honors. In the ensuing discussion it was agreed that the end-of-semester ARF picnic is not the most appropriate location for honoring the scholars. Chris and Joyce Linden will attend the main Saturday luncheon sponsored by the College of Education to represent ARF in celebrating these graduate students.

Chris also brought to the group’s attention the valuable historical write-up about the Hansen scholarship and the ARF readers who work on this awards committee. (Attachment) Also distributed was a chart of the 2015-2016 ARF/Eisner Education Scholarship Recipients, 2015-2016. (Attachment)

5. Faculty Senate: Barbara Swerkes

Barbara provided minutes from a recent Senate meeting, and reported with special focus on the Senate’s considering changes in the policies and procedures for granting **emeritus status**. She invited members to read drafts she provided of the proposed changes and to report back to her their insights and questions. (Attachment)

6. Website: Max Lupul

All is well with the Website. Members encouraged Max to keep doing a good job. "ARF Notes," the Newsletter, may be accessed through the Website.

Old Business

1. Nominating Committee: Ron McIntyre

Ron informed the members that the Nominating Committee was in the midst of the appropriate discussions and follow up contacts with potential candidates for offices and board memberships. The good news was that the committee had more than sufficient good candidates at the time of his report. A more complete report, as well as a completed list of nominations, should be available at the April board meeting.

2. Scholarship Committee: Nancy Owens

Nancy announced that the committee is hard at work. The next session of the committee will be April 13, a few days after our April board meeting. See the attached chart for 2015-2016 recipients.

3. By Laws Revision Committee: Ron McIntyre.

Ron distributed the draft of the By Laws as proposed with changes, asking all the members to give this draft a close read before the April meeting.

New Business There was no new business.

Adjournment was at 1:40 p.m.

This meeting was held at the CSUN Orange Grove Bistro

After the meeting at 2:00 p.m. the ARF Lecture was presented by Dr. Benda Kanno on the history of the CSUN Botanic Garden