

Minutes of the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council
November 7, 2017

Present: Roger Allen (PASEF), Peter Bloch, Warren Gefter, Howard Goldfine, Joel Greenberg, Ana Lia Obaid, Jon Lindstrom, Anna Meadows, Yvonne Paterson, Peter Wilding

Absent: Mike Cancro, Fred Frankel, William Hanson, Susan Heyner, Sue Kramer, Rob MacGregor, Jeanne Myers, Brian Salzberg, Jim Saunders, Marvin Steinberg, Donald Young

Peter Bloch called to order at 12:05. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Karen Shala described the new minutes procedure agreed upon during the previous meeting. Those who are responsible for meeting reports on the agenda should send them ahead to Karen who will incorporate them into the minutes of the meeting.

The ASEF luncheon talk by Professor Harvey Friedman on the history of the Botswana-UPenn partnership was reported by Peter Bloch to have been a great success with more than 30 people attending.

Vicki Mulhern provided updates on medical school. Today she and others will present an update on retirement that has been extensively advertised. The Medical Faculty Senate Fall Meeting will be held on 11/8 at 12:00PM in the Jordan Medical Education Center and The Dean will present the strategic plan 2.0 and will be available on line. Currently two chairman searches are still in progress: Pharmacology and Emergency Medicine.

Warren Gefter described plans for luncheon speakers during the spring term and a joint ASEF-PASEF program for co-ordination of future programs. He invited Sunil Singhal to speak in the Spring, which he confirmed but we need a date.

Peter Bloch gave an update on the Fall Emeritus reception. Of the 24 honorees, 7 will attend, 8 will not, and 9 did not respond. All were given a chance to provide 150 word career summaries. Summaries will be read first for those who attend, and later for those who do not. It was suggested that honorees should have a chance to approve the summaries used, but it was decided that this was impractical because there was a lot of chance for input by the few who will attend.

Yvonne Paterson reported that Jim Saunders will give the Healthy Aging Lecture on March 22 and discuss age-related hearing loss.

Speakers about financial planning for retirement were discussed. The New York Times article that was highly critical of TIAA was discussed. It said that TIAA refused to take fiduciary responsibility, that its officers were extremely well paid, and that their

transaction costs were high. Two at the meeting said that in their recent meetings with TIAA representatives that the representatives said that the hugely bad press in the article was all fake news. Vicki Mulhern was encouraged to see if she could organize someone from TIAA to come to our meeting and speak about this. A member suggested that the ideal would be to have the author of the article present to defend it.

Roger Allen provided the PASEF report. On 12/12, Herman Beavers will be speaking. On 2/13, Howard Kunreuther will be speaking about his new book “The Ostrich Paradox: Why We Underprepare for Disasters”. The annual Spring Lecture will be held on 4/19 – Kathleen Jamieson, “Recognizing and Debunking Viral Deception (Fake News)”. The May Luncheon Lecture will be given by Katherine Milkman.

Anna Meadows discussed the possibility of making further efforts to encourage ASEF and PSOM members to teach and to provide opportunities for them to do so. Roger Allen noted that there were programs to encourage this.