Minutes of the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting
March 6, 2018

Present: Peter Bloch, Lois Evans (PASEF) Fred Frankel, Joel Greenberg, Sue Kramer, Ana Lia Obaid, Jon Lindstrom, Anna Meadows, Brian Salzberg, Peter Wilding
Absent: Roger Allen (PASEF), Mike Cancro, Warren Gefter, Howard Goldfine, William Hanson, Susan Heyner, Rob MacGregor, Jeanne Myers, Yvonne Paterson, Jim Saunders, Marvin Steinberg, Donald Young

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Remaining spring term events were discussed. This consisted primarily of the 2018 Penn Teach-In to be held March 18-22 as described in www.upenn.edu/teachin/.

Robert Forester is supposed to speak at the ASEF Luncheon on April 24 at 12:00 pm in Biomedical Research Building room 251, but Brian Salzberg has not been able to contact him lately, so the possibility of getting an alternate was discussed.

Joel Greenberg said that the ASEF/PASEF Spring Outing would be at the Mitchner Art Museum on April 26 starting at 10:00 am. Entrance fees and a guide for an hour will be provided. Whether to organize a lunch or eat individually at the museum or at a Tap House at the nearby train station was discussed.

The ASEF Spring Distinguished Speaker will be Carl June on May 2 4:00-6:00 pm at the Jordan Medical Education Center Law Auditorium. He will speak about “CAR-T Cells at Penn and Beyond.”

Joel Greenberg said that the Emeritus Reception will be May 16 at the Perelman Jordan Medical Center fifth floor. By a vote of 4 to 3, it was decided that ASEF would use the same format that PASEF has decided to use. This was to simply have a celebratory party during which pictures of the retirees along with their credentials would be continuously projected on a screen. There will be no presentations about individuals, whether or not they were present. If this were not successful, next year a different format incorporating presentations would be considered. The same pictures might be published in the Almanac before or after the event, as time might allow.

Joel Greenberg discussed the Joint ASEF-PASEF Program Committee for Co-ordination of Future Programs. It was decided that this committee needs to get organized.

The PASEF Spring Lecture will be given by Katherine Hall Jameson on Fake News April 19. On April 25 there will be a presentation on preparing for retirement, and in May there will be another on health issues in retirement.

Karen Shala raised the issue of whether in the future Executive Council meetings should continue to be on the first Tuesday of the month. Most folks were in favor of this, but Susan Heyner stopped functioning as secretary because she could not come on those
dates when the committee decided to meet on first Tuesdays. She will be contacted to see if another day might allow her to rejoin the group. Then a final decision will be made on meeting dates.

Vicki Mulhern had few updates about the medical school, except to note that two department chair searches were continuing.

Council membership was discussed. Some of the current members never attend. Five new potential members have been suggested, but they have not yet been contacted to determine whether they would serve if elected. One criterion in choosing potential members is their willingness to serve, and another is achieving representation from as many departments as possible.