

Minutes of the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting June 10, 2015 – BRB II/III Room 1412

Present: Peter Bloch, Howard Goldfine, Joel Greenberg, Susan Heyner, Sue Kramer, Rob MacGregor (PASEF-ASEF), Jeanne Myers, Anna Meadows, Yvonne Paterson, Brian Salzberg, Anita Summers (PASEF), Peter Wilding, Kayvon Nikoo (FAPD)

Absent: Stanley Baum, Michael Broennle, Virginia LiVolsi, Fred Henretig, Vicky Mulhern (FAPD), Jim Saunders, Marvin Steinberg, Jamie Wheeler

The meeting was convened at 2:40 pm, beginning with comments on the May minutes to correct that Peter Wilding was present. Also, Salzberg stated that the May minutes did not reflect the true nature of the Gala (250th of the Medical School) and his comments should be recorded as follows: *"I do not think the minutes adequately represent the tone or content of the Council discussion of the 250th Gala. There was a general feeling of disgust at the way this was handled by the PSOM, and the faculty was most assuredly NOT invited to buy tables. Chairs were, but not faculty. Indeed, the vast majority of faculty was not invited to participate at all. They were invited only to purchase a lavish book to make profit for the Administration."*

Members: Myers introduced Joel Greenburg as one of 3 new at-large council members. [Don Young and Bill Schwartz were unable to attend.] Michael Broennle completed his 3-year term and was commended for assisting in events and active participation in council meetings. Yvonne Paterson is returning as a council member. Anita Summers, the new president of PASEF, was welcomed to her first ASEF meeting.

ASEF Programs recap: Myers reviewed the ASEF activities, beginning with the Luncheon Noon Seminar series at the University Club organized jointly with PASEF for the second year; seven lectures were held with one of the four (arranged by ASEF, Charles Nelson speaker) rescheduled on Oct. 13th due to the March snowstorm. She also discussed the annual Fall Emeritus Faculty event in Sweeten organized by ASEF. In November, there was a meeting with the Dean to discuss ASEF programs and space due to the demolition of Penn Tower. She reviewed other past activities: a well-attended December Holiday party in the former ASEF PT HQ, (with invitees to PASEF), a new lecture/ tour of the Egyptian Galleries in the Penn Museum in February, an enthusiastic audience for a talk by Sarah Kagan on 'Healthy Aging', and a successful Spring Program (talk and reception) featuring Dr. Patricia Henwood, who spoke on the Ebola crisis in West Africa. Myers also mentioned that the president of ASEF attends the monthly Medical Faculty Senate meetings and the PASEF meetings.

In May, ASEF moved from our PT HQ of 8 years; most of the furniture was put in storage or discarded. Other pieces were moved to Room 236 Anatomy Chemistry, but the plan (late 2015-early 2016) is for ASEF to occupy an office in John Morgan, adjacent to the Wood Room.

PASEF Programs recap: Anita Summers: PASEF held nine lectures (7 organized in the ASEF-ASEF series), with three in science, three in medicine and the rest in general subjects. The Spring Outing in Fairmount Park was most successful. Vivian Seltzer has been productive in organizing programs for new retirees assisted by library personnel. Wilding commented that he had signed up for 'Computers for the Terrified'. Summers said that PASEF sponsored two 'Roads to Retirement', one with a discussion about benefits (presentation by Vicki Mulhern and Hilary Lopez) and the other a panel, moderated by Jack Nagel, in which participants described their own experiences. The Hitchiker's Guide to Retirement has offered very useful information in preparing for retirement. It is updated yearly. Myers commented that it should be read before attending the presentations.

Summers said that most institutions are embedded in a continuing education program. Although they may have initially been given about 250K, after a few years this was paid back; alumnae loved

coming back for these programs. Summers had asked the Penn administration for \$150,000 and was given \$10,000. Wilding asked if these prospective courses would be restricted to alumni, but Summers responded that they would be open to all, giving an example of courses taught in the Bay Area, e.g. Law and Justice, Medicine in Literature and the Psychology of Guilt.

Summers spoke about their Speaker's Bureau initiative for which the university funds would be used, i.e., 20-25 speakers who could give presentations at a retirement community, clubs etc, which could be a single lecture or a course of 3-4. Meadows pointed out that this idea was also suggested by MacGregor; Wilding asked if it had been discussed with the Development Office in the SOM.

Regarding seminars, Summers named three preferences for future plans: 1, talks on development of professional life; how an individual developed into his/her field. [Paterson commented that we have had several discussions about how people got to where they are now.]; 2, The Inn at Penn doesn't generate the same feeling as a Faculty Club and she will investigate other venues; 3, she believes there should be more humanities/social sciences seminars.

Jocelyne Waller will be the new PASEF coordinator.

Other Organizations: Vicki is sending out a questionnaire to other institutions to ask if they have an organization for emeriti. Are they members of AROHE? Are funds set aside for their support? Summers commented, that in addition to a questionnaire, we really need to speak to a point person at each school. Myers, Summers and Meadows asked who will be responsible for preparing the questions.

Seminars: Summers commented that the seminar series with ASEF offered too many medical talks (3 of 7). She was informed that the PASEF-ASEF seminar series is a collaborative venture with lectures alternating monthly between ASEF and PASEF. Considerable discussion regarding content of the seminars ensued. Kramer commented that many ASEF members enjoyed the PASEF topics. Paterson noted that we have often had more PASEF than ASEF members come to the medical/science seminars.

Service: Myers reported for Stan Baum that he has had responses from the majority of department chairs in response to his initiative of matching emeriti with departmental needs/programs. He will send out one more message and the results will be put it on the ASEF website. Goldfine suggested a survey to find out what chairs are doing which would help us discover what people do/don't do about using emeriti.

Possible meeting invitees for next year: Myers suggested inviting Reed Pyeritz, the new Chair of the University Senate, to one of our council meetings. Paterson also recommended Jon Epstein, and Meadows said she hoped the Dean could attend an executive council meeting.

Other: Nikoo reported that there are 250 emeriti faculty and 649 senior faculty.

Meadows noted that MacGregor had written a wonderful short essay on down sizing that was on the website and suggested that more people might do the same.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 for the ASEF Spring party held in the lounge area.

Respectfully submitted,

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[Amended by Jeanne Myers]