

Minutes for the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2014
21 Penn Tower Ballam Board Room

Present: Drs. Michael Broennle, Howard Goldfine, Fred Henretig, Susan Heyner, Virginia LiVolsi, Rob MacGregor, Anna Meadows, Jeanne Myers, Yvonne Paterson, Jamie Wheeler, Victoria Mulhern (FAPD) and Kayvon Nikoo (FAPD)

Absent: Drs. Stanley Baum, Sandra Kramer, Jack Nagel (PASEF) Jim Saunders, Sal Salcido, Brian Salzberg, and Marvin Steinberg.

The first ASEF meeting of the 2014-15 academic year was called to order by Myers at 12:05 pm.

The minutes of June 17th recorded by Heyner were approved.

All members introduced themselves. Five new members joined council this September (Henretig, Kramer, LiVolsi, Salzberg, and Wheeler). Kayvon Nikoo took a photograph of those present to be posted on the ASEF website.

President's report: Myers reminded Council that ASEF is celebrating its 10th anniversary. She suggested that in order to distinguish it from PASEF and clarify its association with the medical school, it should appear in the future as ASEF-PSOM. This was approved. Goldfine asked if this would be used when we send out notices, and it will be. Wheeler asked about the relationship between ASEF and PASEF, to which Meadows replied that we collaborate on the luncheon seminar series (for the second year) and invite PASEF to December Holiday and June End of Academic Year parties; the 2 associations also jointly sponsor the Fall New Emeriti event (for the second year).

Myers asked about suitable topics for our yearly meeting with Dean Jameson. Meadows said we should keep him informed, as to keep funded and MacGregor suggested we ask what we can do for PSOM. Vicki mentioned the 250th celebration of the PSOM, but has seen no details yet on events. MacGregor suggested that the Dean should be asked if there are ASEF faculty members that alumnae would like to meet.

Myers urged all council present to respond to the invitation for the Oct. 29th Emeriti celebration being held at Sweeten Alumni House. Seven emeriti of the 25 PSOM invitees (45 total university honorees) have not responded to 4 invitations (3 E-mail and 1 sent to their homes) and Goldfine suggested that those in the same department might contact an individual and encourage attendance. Myers will send council the list of PSOM emeriti invited and their reply status.

Future events: The December holiday party scheduled for December 16th (first night of Hanukkah) will be rescheduled for December 17; the council meeting will be held at 2:30, and the party at 4:00 pm in HQ. Nikoo will check which PT rooms are available for the meeting.

Retirement seminars; the Hillary/Vicki presentation will be given twice this academic year (the first in Nov.) because of the number of faculty interested in the information. Vicki asked about the panel of retirees who discuss their experiences.

Henretig agreed to be one, therefore one more is needed from the PSOM and two from PASEF. He will be the ASEF representative (formerly Meadows) and work with the PASEF person to co-organize the panel discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding topics for a new panel discussion focusing on Individual Health and / or Caregivers; these included Medical Care for the Elderly, Taking Care of the Infirm, Ethics of Medical Care, Long-term Health Insurance and Waning Clinical Skills in Aging Physicians. It was suggested that a panel of four people could cover one of these topics. Paterson reminded Council to involve Neville Strumpf. The discussion will be continued at subsequent meetings.

ASEF Tour for early 2015: Myers suggested that a January or February tour of one or two galleries in the Penn Museum might be appealing; and this was agreed. LiVolsi will look into the arrangements and report back to the committee.

Administrative report: Vicky reported that 140 new faculty were appointed to PSOM, bringing total full time faculty to 2,146. There will be a reception on October 7 for newly promoted faculty. She commented that there are many changes occurring in mentoring faculty that will be discussed at a meeting next Monday in the Flyers Sixers Center at 10:00 am. MacGregor asked when Penn Tower will be demolished: the end of June is the date we have heard unofficially for vacating the building, but no specifics are yet known.

Committee reports:

Goldfine reported on ASEF-PASEF lunchtime seminars. Unfortunately, the first PASEF seminar coincided with this September Council meeting. Next month Anita Sehgal will discuss biological clocks, and in December, Larry Kricka will describe modern diagnostic methods. The lecture before the annual 25 year club reception will feature Adrian Raines (chosen by PASEF), who studies criminal minds, on October 2nd in Houston Hall at 3:30 pm.

Goldfine reported on the Retirement Communities Survey. He and Jim Saunders with the help of Heidi George, PASEF staff, have assembled data on 14 communities in the Philadelphia/Delaware Valley area where Penn faculty reside. The report can be accessed from the ASEF and PASEF websites.

MacGregor reported for PASEF that there is interest in lifelong learning being spearheaded by Anita Summers, and that Vivian Seltzer has been quite involved with the library offerings; there are new library staff who are interested in assisting emeriti with new techniques.

Broennle congratulated Kayvon on the website and noted that in order to contact any individual, just click on the name.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Heyner, Ph.D.
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