

Minutes of the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday April 26, 2016
John Morgan Wood Room

Present: Peter Bloch, Howard Goldfine, Joel Greenberg, Fred Henretig, Susan Heyner, Sue Kramer, Rob MacGregor, Anna Meadows, Vicki Mulhern (FAPD), Jeanne Myers, Kayvon Nikoo (FAPD), Brian Salzberg, Jim Saunders, Anita Summers (PASEF) and Donald Young.

Absent: Stanley Baum, Virginia LiVolsi, Marvin Steinberg, Jamie Wheeler and Peter Wilding.

The meeting was called to order by Myers at 12:10 pm. The March minutes were approved after an amendment to remove a sentence in the parking section.

President's Report: Myers talked about tomorrow's 4 PM Spring Program in BRB Auditorium featuring **Jean Bennett**, "*A Vision of Hope; Prospects for Gene Therapy for Blinding Disease*". This is one of the 2 main ASEF-PSOM events of the academic year (the second being the New Emeriti Fall celebration). Myers said that until researching the seminar subject and speaker she was not nearly aware of the magnitude of Dr. Bennett's work. The talk has been widely advertised (notices sent by Kayvon, Vicki, Biochemistry office, Scheie Eye, CHOP, Penn Vet, Wills Eye), an announcement in the Almanac and Penn Current, flyers throughout buildings and a standing poster at the entrance of the BRB lobby entrance. Meadows asked who nominated Jean Bennett to the list of speakers we were considering in the Fall; Brian Salzberg was acknowledged for his excellent suggestion. Catering for the lobby reception will be by Feast Your Eyes, who we haven't engaged for several years; Myers would like opinions of the hors d'oeuvres to help decide on our Spring Party menu choices.

The **May Spring/End-of-the-Academic Year Party** will be at 4 PM on Tuesday, the 24th and held for the first time in the John Morgan Wood Room. The invitation was just circulated by Kayvon to ASEF members and, as for all ASEF events, PASEF members will be invited via our announcement being sent by the PASEF office. The ASEF May Council meeting immediately preceding the party will be at 2 PM in John Morgan Room 149 (between the front door and center stairway).

The **ASEF website** is now up to date with recaps posted of all our past events from this academic year and those upcoming in April and May. Council was asked to review our programs in thinking about next year's schedule.

Myers checked with the Penn **Parking office** about lot 44 (next to BRB); the charge is \$20 per day. This is not a lot open for normal daily parking. An internal code number is required to prepay for a certain number of spaces, and people would give the title of the event to the attendants to permit entrance and exit and

not need tickets. The advantage is the proximity to BRB where we have held a number of our programs this year; the disadvantage is that payment is required in advance for a specific number of spaces and cannot be changed. Paterson asked who would pay and the answer was that it would come from our budget to bring back emeriti to campus as discussed with the Dean. Greenberg and Kramer asked if this would only be for special events. It was decided to continue pursuing the issue of paid parking, which isn't easy given various restrictions. Myers said that she wished she had thought to offer courtesy parking in the personal invitations sent to the new emeriti being honored at the Nov. 4th event.

E-mail for Associated Retired Faculty: Myers asked Vicki about the status of our request to restore (and retain) Penn E-mail for the associated faculty who, unlike the standing faculty, lose this privilege after retiring. Vicki is going back 10 years for names and has sent the proposal to the Vice Provost.

Space update: the Johnson Pavilion library is still the possibility being discussed by the administration for ASEF space. Dorothy Leung, our contact on this subject, recently E-mailed Myers that library personnel have now been spoken to about ASEF occupying space. We hope to hear more soon. There is a large room in the newly renovated basement (with windows) but a flood took out the electricity and in any event, we have no knowledge of what areas are under consideration. From discussion with Dorothy, it does not seem there will be an interim move to John Morgan where we had expected to be relocated by May.

Review of Previous meetings with SOM/PENN Officials: Meadows commented that the council officers had had a good meeting with the Dean and received the requested budget increase as well as encouragement for our work. Anita Allen has suggested that ASEF/PASEF give talks at Departmental events. Meadows said that the Dean should invite a representative to the meeting of department chairs. Saunders commented that the Dean seemed interested in our events, but that we should ask for other specific items. Meadows remarked that this is the time for chairs to look at ASEF because they know or have some idea of who is retiring.

SEI Art Exhibit Outing: Greenberg, who researched and organized the event, spoke about our experience at SEI in Oaks. 25 people signed up (the limit for the tour) and 4 did not attend. The consensus was that this was an amazing event and we could possibly do it again in a couple of years as there are so many art pieces to see.. Greenberg was congratulated by council for his initiative and planning. We had decided not to charge as the transportation and lunch were within our budget.

Healthy Aging Seminar: There was a very good turnout for this luncheon seminar by Dr. Nalaka Gooneratne dealing with sleep problems and many questions from the audience, particularly on sleep apnea. What's for next year? Paterson proposed

Neville Strumpf, who 'wrote the book' on aging in one's own home. The discussion could encompass aging in a retirement community v.s. aging in one's own home.

The **Financial Session with TIAA-CREF** had more people attending than at any other program so far this academic year and some were declined because of the 50 person space limit in BRB253. Kramer suggested that we have Vanguard present next year, which is an option to pursue in the fall. Henretig said some specific informative points were discussed; other council who had attended gave positive feedback. Myers said she would like in the future to hear more in depth about equities, need for rebalancing, features of the TIAA funds, the advantage of index funds, etc. Greenberg asked if it could have been taped, but the cost was prohibitive.

Council Member Nominations – Meadows reported that Fred Frankel (a new Emeriti) will join council upon speaking with fellow Microbiology faculty member Goldfine. A second slot is open and there was a proposal of another faculty member who will be approached. Peter Bloch has agreed to serve as president-elect. [Bloch served on council for 3 years previously and returned as an at-large member in 2015.] The ballot will await confirmation of the second at-large member.

PASEF Report: Summers reported that Roger Allen is the new president-elect of PASEF. The Road to Retirement session with Vicki Mulhern and Hilary Lopez was a great success with more than 100 questions. The Speakers Bureau is underway. Investigation of other peer institution emeriti associations showed a wider membership than PASEF who is looking to include associated faculty (ASEF has always included AF in its membership). Results of a survey show that most institutions share space facilities with other groups. Reed Pyeritz at their meeting had voiced his concern about the growth of non-standing faculty and thinks they should have some standing status. In the fall, PASEF will have a focus group to discuss what people are interested in. A newsletter will be considered.

Emeriti Survey: In order to get a better handle on our membership, Paterson and Goldfine are planning to prepare a questionnaire on emeriti attendance at events, their preferences, access to public transportation and the need for Penn parking.

Respectively submitted

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Amended by Jeanne Myers