

Minutes of the ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting
John Morgan Wood Room
September 22, 2015

Present: Peter Bloch, Joel Greenberg, Susan Heyner, Howard Goldfine, Virginia LiVolsi, Rob Roy MacGregor (ASEF/PASEF), Anna Meadows, Jeanne Myers, Victoria Mulhern (FAPD), Kayvon Nikoo (FAPD), Yvonne Paterson, Brian Salzberg, Bill Schwartz, Marvin Steinberg, Jamie Wheeler, Peter Wilding, Donald Young

Absent: Stanley Baum, Fred Henretig, Sandra Kramer, James Saunders, Anita Summers (PASEF)

The meeting, was called to order by Myers at 12:05 after a group photograph was taken by Kayvon, The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

President's Report:

President-elect - Myers announced that the new President-elect is Sandra (Sue) Kramer who was unable to attend this meeting. New members, Joel Greenberg, Bill Schwartz and Don Young, were introduced and all council identified themselves, departments and time on ASEF council.

Space for ASEF in John Morgan Building - ASEF is scheduled to move in several months from the temporary room in 236 Anatomy Chemistry to a small office adjacent to the Wood Room temporarily being used by Mulhern. ASEF council walked through the room at this meeting; it is ~20% of the space in the former Penn Tower HQ. Myers asked Steinberg to give his evaluation of the situation. He said that this was the best possible location for now, and considers this space temporary based on the Spring meeting with Glen Gaulton (Goldfine, Steinberg and Myers attending) and the written summary Gaulton had sent afterwards. Steinberg, reading the comments from Gaulton, gave his thoughts that ASEF may be able to expand into Richards after renovations in that building are completed. Steinberg said we had assurances that ASEF will be treated equably. Myers is more skeptical. Wilding asked if these discussions were solely related to space or were they also about the role of ASEF? They were related to space as much as we know.

November 4th Emeriti ASEF-PSOM and PASEF Celebration - Myers stated that plans have been problematic in planning this event since early summer. For the third year since the decision was made for the Emeritus program and reception to be theoretically a joint endeavor with PASEF, she is serving as organizer. There was minimal PASEF participation in time and effort in 2014, and this year it has been counterproductive. It was recommended by the ASEF steering committee that next year ASEF arrange its own Emeritus Celebration like it had prior to 2013.

Myers said she has received good response and enthusiasm from the 20 PSOM emeriti and presently their attendance is expected to be over 50%. Five retirees from Penn have joined different academic institutions across the country, two others have moved out of PA and two had to regrettably decline because of specific medical circumstances that could not be changed. Myers and Heyner will be working next on the reception at Sweeten Alumni House where it was held the last 2 years. Myers said she hoped there would be good representation at the event by ASEF council. She has invited Dr. Reed Pyeritz, 2015-16 Chair of the University Faculty Senate to extend greetings to the new emeriti at the beginning of the program.

Oct. 21st Fall Medical Faculty Senate Meeting; ASEF Presentation – Myers is planning the ASEF talk differently this year; it will focus on announcements of the events ASEF has organized in 2015, i.e., from Jan to June and those scheduled for Oct-Dec. She will end with the Emeritus Celebration E-invitation, which has been circulated to faculty and is on the ASEF homepage.

Invited Guests at ASEF Meetings – Myers invited Dr. Pyeritz to attend the Oct. 27th EC meeting. At the June council meeting there were also suggestions to ask Dr. Jonathan Epstein, the new Executive VP and Chief Scientific Officer (replacing Glen Gaulton), and Dean Jameson but we need to first determine what would be accomplished. Mulhern said Epstein is working on plans across Penn Med and would like to hear questions, and it was agreed Myers will send him an invitation. Meadows commented that she would like to know how ASEF can fit into his agenda; Mulhern said he would like to get suggestions.

Past Presidents Looking to the Future Committee:

Steinberg spoke on behalf of this new Committee (Steinberg, Saunders, Goldfine, MacGregor, Meadows) with respect to three current council issues; finances, space and administrative help. Recently, the 2014-15 expenses were clarified and the space issue was stated above. Steinberg and Goldfine will meet with Mulhern to discuss additional administrative support from Faculty Affairs.

Discussion on Previous Joint ASEF-PASEF Events:

In the June ASEF meeting, Summers had stated that there were too many medically oriented seminars last year, i.e., 3 of 7 in the prior ASEF-PASEF series (ASEF speaker Dr. Nelson was postponed until Oct). Therefore, separate ASEF and PASEF series are taking place this year. Myers said that Nagel (last year's PASEF president) stated at the PASEF meeting that he wanted to "disentangle" PASEF from ASEF in joint collaborations. In terms of the retirement programs, Nagel did not want to collaborate with ASEF last year. Summers had begun the PASEF Sept. meeting questioning the need for this program/reception since a dinner is held in the summer by Penn President Gutman. Myers had responded that the Emeritus Celebration is appreciated by the honorees, open to their family/colleagues, arranged by their peers, and is an important senior and emeritus social gathering. ASEF will continue to sponsor an emeriti PSOM event.

ASEF Luncheon Seminars:

Wilding reported that Charles Nelson will be talking on hip and knee replacement on October 13, a seminar Wilding had scheduled in March but was postponed because of the snowstorm. On November 10, Ed Morrisey will discuss regenerative medicine, and on December 3, Dr. David Casarett will discuss the uses of medical marijuana. Suggestions for 2016 were epigenetics with Shelly Burger (Goldfine) and new technology for delivering drugs by Napoleon Munro (Wilding).

"Healthy Aging" Seminar for 2016:

Paterson commented that Sarah Kagan's talk (and luncheon served) was well-received last year, and speakers and subjects are needed for March. MacGregor suggested a topic of dealing with your children as parents age. Sleep issues were also proposed.

Spring/April Program Committee:

(MacGregor, Henretig, Wheeler) Ideas for the Spring Program speaker will be focused on a

person outside of Penn and in Philadelphia or nearby. An honorarium of up to \$500. was agreed. Speaker proposals by the committee will be discussed in October.

2016 Special Event Committee:

(Bloch, Greenberg, LiVolsi) Bloch had looked into one possibility, i.e., the exhibit at the Penn Museum of "The Golden Age of King Midas"; the world premier is Feb. 13th. This year we will try to incorporate luncheon plans into the ASEF event.

PASEF Meeting Report:

(MacGregor and Myers reporting) Summers at their Sept. meeting proposed generating PASEF pamphlets, questioned the Emeritus event (noted above), intends to invite Dr. Pyeritz to a PASEF meeting, and talked about checking emeritus space at other schools. PASEF is setting up a Speakers Bureau, has received substantial funds from the university for support and needs to get information regarding appropriate audiences and who will be taking part in the talks. Porter reported on invited seminar speakers. Seltzer will continue to work with the library to offer sessions to help the faculty.

Administration and Faculty Affairs:

Mulhern said that at the Fall meeting of the Medical School Faculty Senate, 2 new chairs will be announced. A search is ongoing for a new chair of Biochemistry and Biophysics.

Other Business:

Young told council that two years ago, he started a program with clinical lab directors. Although recently retired, he now has a group of 15 mentors and 25 mentees. The program works by email and skype; mentees can ask any questions and the mentor would give a response and reference. They now have connections in many developing countries; an example: how would you diagnose diabetes? They need some infrastructure; Mulhern suggested contacting Glen Gaulton and Heyner suggested Don Silberberg. The topic will be discussed again at a future ASEF meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Heyner, Ph.D.
Secretary, Treasurer
Amended by Jeanne Myers