

ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting
January 24, 2017, Wood Room, John Morgan Bldg

Present: Fred Henretig, Paul Shaman (PASEF), Ana Lia Obaid, Brian Salzberg, Sue Kramer, Anna Meadows, Jeanne Myers, Fred Frankel, Howard Goldfine, Don Young, Jamie Wheeler, Joel Greenberg, Peter Wilding, Vicki Mulhern, Karen Shala
Absent: Peter Bloch, Susan Heyner, Rob MacGregor, Yvonne Paterson, Jim Saunders, Marvin Steinberg

Old Business: Minutes from November 22, 2016 were approved.

President's Report: Dr. Kramer opened the meeting and noted that Paul Shaman from PASEF is present. AROHE meeting information will be provided next time.
Dr. Kramer thanked everyone who attended and contributed to the ASEF Holiday Party on Dec 15. About 30-35 ASEF members attended. The last council meeting was in November; the Dec meeting was cancelled due to Dr. Kramer's accident. The last lunchtime speaker, John Maris, gave an excellent lecture on "The Genetic Basis of Cancer".

Upcoming 2017 ASEF Speakers: Lunch will be served at all of the Speaker Series meetings.
February 15: Steven Master, BRB II-III Auditorium, 12-1:30 PM. Previously at Penn, he is now Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine/ New York Presbyterian Hospital. He will be talking about the use of "Big Data in Medical Research". Peter Wilding will obtain a picture and bio for advertising the event.

Dr. Wilding brought up the issue of attendance for the speaker series and would like to broaden the range of advertising. Vicki pointed out that every full time faculty member receives an email about each speaker, and a notice is placed on the ASEF website.

Upcoming 2017 ASEF Events: Lunch will be served at all.

March 10: Financial Planning for Retirement: John Rahmlow of Vanguard will speak on "Successful Investing", BRB II-III, Room 251, 12-1:30 PM

March 30: Healthy Aging Seminar – "Aging Gracefully" with Lois Evans and Neville Strumpf, Claire Fagin Hall, Penn School of Nursing, Room 203, 12-1:30 PM

April 13: Spring Distinguished Speaker and Reception: Penn Associate Professor Danielle Bassett, Ph D, will speak on "The Network Architecture of Human Thought", BRB II-III Auditorium, 4-6 PM.

June 14: Spring Social Event in BRB II-III 14th Floor Faculty Lounge at 4-6 PM after the ASEF council meeting which will be held at 2 PM at the same site (BRB 14th Floor Faculty Lounge).

Cultural Outings: Paul Shaman (PASEF) suggested 2 outings this year co-sponsored by ASEF and PASEF: the Hagley Museum and the Mural Arts Tour. Group agreed that the Mural Arts Tour should be held in the Spring (April or May) and the trip to the Hagley Museum will be in the Fall.

Space Situation: Dr. Meadows will speak with Dr. Epstein about the possibility of ASEF space following the renovations of the library.

Ballot: The ASEF election ballot should be prepared by the end of April. Vicki will send Dr. Kramer a list of all ASEF members.

ASEF Website:

Karen and Vicki will meet with Kayvon as well as work on moving toward software based website.

PASEF Report: (Paul Shaman)

Website: When the University rolls out their support for software for websites, PASEF will hopefully transition and rebuild their website.

Lunch Speakers:

2/8/2017, 12:00PM – 1:30PM, Hourglass Room at The University Club, Jack Nagel will speak on Remedies for the Electoral College

3/15/2017, 12:00PM – 1:30PM, Hourglass Room at The University Club, Daniel Lee will speak on Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Systems.

3/22/2017, Road to Retirement with a panel of recent retirees.

4/26/2017, Vicki Mulhern and Hilary Lopez will give a presentation on Penn retirement benefits.

PASEF is holding Focus Groups to get more feedback from members on what they want to concentrate on in the future. Paul hopes to have a report soon.

For the PASEF Spring Lecture, an invitation is out. TBD.

PASEF has now added all ASEF members to their mailing list.

New PASEF space, room 112, next door to the current PASEF office. The corridor, bathrooms and new room will be updated. Vice Provost Anita Allen went to great lengths to get this new space for PASEF.

New Business:

Howard Goldfine brought up the topic of healthy living for ASEF members and the discussion went in the direction of gym memberships. Ana Lia Obaid mentioned the SilverSneakers program. This is something that may be covered under Penn's Medigap insurance and would provide free memberships to gym facilities. David Balamuth from PASEF may know more about this topic.

Suggestions to add to the Executive Council Agenda:

1. A report on updates at PSOM by Vicki
2. Presentation about the new hospital bed tower.

Closing: Planning for the Fall should start soon since there are only a few more meetings before summer break. ASEF members should be thinking about people and topics for the Fall ASEF Program. At the next meeting, the Council is asked to bring concrete suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Shala

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