

**ASEF-PSOM Executive Council Meeting
March 28, 2017, BRB II/III Room 251**

Present: Peter Bloch, Fred Frankel, Joel Greenberg, Sue Kramer, Anna Meadows, Rob MacGregor, Vicki Mulhern (FAPD) Jeanne Myers, Ana Lia Obaid, Yvonne Paterson, Brian Salzberg, Karen Shala (FAPD), Paul Shaman (PASEF), Peter Wilding

Absent: Howard Goldfine, Fred Henretig, Susan Heyner, Jim Saunders, Marvin Steinberg, Jamie Wheeler, Don Young

The meeting was called to order by Sue Kramer at 12:05 pm.

Old Business: Minutes were reviewed and approved.

President's report: Sue Kramer noted that taking minutes at the Executive Council meetings is not an easy task, and suggested that individuals who present material during the meeting provide a written summary to the secretary.

Financial Planning for Retirement: John Rahmlow of Vanguard gave an excellent talk on 'Successful Investing' on 3/10. There was a good turnout, approximately 40 people. The video is on the ASEF website. A small stack of Vanguard pamphlets is available in the ASEF Office.

Roger Allen, incoming PASEF President, mentioned that there are six UPENN Faculty Senate Committees, with one potentially open spot on the Faculty and Administration Committee. All Faculty Senate Committees are available on Upenn.edu. Jeanne Myers inquired about further details, and whether or not there is an open seat.

Paul Shaman noted that the committees might start using a program called Blue Jeans (similar to, but more sophisticated than Skype), so that members can be a part of the meeting from their home or office, if they cannot physically attend the meeting.

Spring update:

1. March 30, 2017, Healthy Aging Seminar Series: Lois Evans and Neville Strumpf, "*Aging Gracefully with Independence*", Fagin Hall 203, 12-1:30 pm. The video will be on the ASEF website.

2. April 13, 2017, Spring Distinguished Speaker and Reception: Danielle Bassett, PhD, "*The Network Architecture of Human Thought*", BRB II - III Auditorium, 4-6 pm.

Peter Bloch told the group that Dr. Bassett has been at Penn for 3 years and has published about 100 articles while at Penn. Her research is about how different parts of the brain are connected. Dr. Bassett is also involved with the Annenberg Center and works on projects dealing with art and the brain. She won the MacArthur award in 2014.

3. May 11, 2017, Cultural Outing (co-sponsored with PASEF): Mural Arts Trolley Tour of West Philadelphia. See below.

4. June 14, 2017, *Spring Social Event*, BRB II-II 14th floor faculty lounge, 4-6 pm (after the 2:00 pm Council meeting in adjacent Rm 1412)

Kramer anticipates a Fall Cultural Outing to the Hagley Museum, as previously discussed.

Nominating Committee: Myers reported on the five candidates.

Michael P. Cancro, PhD, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Warren B. Gefter MD, Radiology

C. William Hanson, III, MD, Anesthesiology and Critical Care

Jon M. Lindstrom PhD, Neuroscience

Brian M. Salzberg PhD, Neuroscience

Future Planning: Sue Kramer brought up creating the schedule of Fall events early this spring, so speakers could be determined and preferred spaces reserved. She urged Executive Council members to send names of potential speakers for consideration to Peter Bloch. Peter does not know who will be the head of the Special Programs and Events Committee. It is important for individual speakers to be invited early and to provide dates of availability. This is necessary because med school lecture halls are in high demand, with student lectures given first choice. When the calendar is opened (around June 15) to other organizations such as ASEF for scheduling, it is important to be in the “queue”, because it is “first come, first serve”. It is also important to avoid scheduling conflicts with PASEF.

PASEF Report: Paul Shaman told the group that the main focus for PASEF has been retirement.

PASEF had a wonderful speaker, Daniel Lee, on Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Systems. The audience was small due to bad weather; PASEF would like to have him come back to speak again.

Luncheon seminars in the Hourglass Room:

4/19/2017, Spring Lecture: David Rudovsky will speak on *Civil Rights and the Criminal Justice System*

4/26/2017, Hilary Lopez and Vicki Mulhern will describe and discuss retirement benefits
PASEF will partner with HR for a mid-May event on retirement.

PASEF/ASEF Co-sponsored Cultural Spring Outing: PASEF is getting a 38-seat bus for a tour of Mural Arts in West Philadelphia; there will be a modest charge of \$25.00. The bus will leave from Belmont Mansion at 10:30 am on May 11, and return to Belmont Mansion for box lunches at 12:30PM. It was suggested that individuals who live in University City or Center City without a car should take a cab out to Belmont Mansion, if they would like to participate in the tour. Paul will send out an email for registration. A second cultural outing in the fall, possibly to the Hagley Museum, is anticipated.

PASEF – ASEF Library Committee Special Event: On April 5th there will be an event so celebrate a Yiddish music collection donation in the Class of '78 Pavilion, 6th Floor, Van Pelt-Dietrich Library

There has been no update to the associated faculty (nurses, vet) becoming part of PASEF.

Membership Committee presented recommendations about PASEF activities.

1. Special event (Philadelphia Orchestra).
2. Special table at the University Club.
3. Fall Outing.
4. Additional planning for retirement events.
5. AROHE activities

ASEF Website: The website is more up to date. Recorded lectures are posted. New posters will now direct people to the ASEF website for publicity.

Vicki Mulhern: The Dean's office sent out an update about the Strategic Plan 2.0. The chair search is still going on for Surgery, Emergency Medicine and Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapies. There is also a search for Gail Morrison's successor.

On April 26th, the Medical Faculty Senate will hold their Spring Meeting with the Dean in SCTR 8-146AB.

Suggestions for administrative speakers: Gail Morrison, Glen Gaulton and Kate Griffo of Development.

Comments:

Peter Wilding suggested the group find out how to obtain honoraria from the Development Office to bring in an occasional special speaker from outside.

Meeting concluded at 1:10PM

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Shala
Administrative Coordinator, FAPD