

ASEF-PSOM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Virtual and in person March 6, 2023 12:00-1:30 pm John Morgan, Wood Room

Present: Jana Alreyas (OAA) Judith Aronchick, Arberetta Bowles (OAA), Mary Ann Forciea (v), Melpo Christofidou-Solomidou, Joan van Feldt (v) Joel Greenberg, John Hansen-Flaschen, Fred Henretig (v) Susan Heyner, Paul Lancken, Marshall Meyer (PASEF) Vicki Mulhern (vOAA), AnaLia Obaid, Peter Wilding.

John Hansen-Flaschen called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

The minutes from February were approved, with the correction that the trip to the Mutter Museum is on March 16 (not 6).

Committee updates; Website: Joel said that he worked with Priscilla and one problem was that scrolling up resulted in disappearance. This is easily corrected. Paul commented that we got behind during Covid and need to reactivate it. He suggested that the Website Committee should be a standing committee, rather than ad hoc. A further suggestion was that the committee be renamed as the Communications and Publications Committee. Questions were raised about the frequency of updates to the website and discussion ensued; it's clear it should be frequent, for example, to include new outings. On another aspect, Peter said that he's going to investigate how many other organizations similar to ours have a Medical School component, and how are they integrated with the rest of the University. He proposes that responses will be sent to him, to be forwarded to Arberetta. Judi asked members to send her suggestions for speakers.

PASEF Membership Committee: New Hitchhikers Guide to Retirement. Melpo reported that the revisions were intended to be more inclusive of faculty. There was discussion about the categories, but John pointed out that the discussion was ongoing. AnaLia told the Committee that PASEF was not happy with the ASEF procedure and that they were concerned that ASEF did not want to form a common bond with PASEF. Discussion ensued and the outcome was that ASEF is most willing to work with PASEF. Marshall Meyers will give a positive report on this to PASEF.

Library Committee: Arberetta told the group that for access to the library, faculty must have an application. Marshall asked for a meeting about this before the next PASEF meeting.

Box files: these enable all the relevant documents to be accessed in one place. To access them it is necessary to have a University email address; Medical School

email doesn't work. Arberetta told the group that getting a ticket will enable one to get a University email and hence, access.

Lantern Theater Outing: was a great success with 60 Penn participants. We might want to do a similar event.

Upcoming Cultural Events: The trip to the Mutter Museum is scheduled for March 16 at 2:00 p.m. There's a cap of 24, with ASEF getting first dibs. Another suggestion was a trolley Mural tour. But the cost is \$65.00 per person. It was suggested that a more modest walking tour might have appeal.

Retirement: There should be a category for Special Needs, and also, a separate session for Associate Faculty as compared with Standing Faculty. This was the stimulus to have separate sessions for Associate faculty; Arberetta concurred saying that it is both necessary and feasible. Vicki said it's advisable to have Associate faculty from different schools to get together and discuss common features and differences. Peter asked about information on retirement communities in the area, he was assured that information is up to date. John commented that some harbor many retired faculty and might be interested in more participation in the University.

PASEF: future lectures can be accessed by going to the PASEF website. Marshall endorsed the new retirement program aimed at Associate faculty and looks forward to working with ASEF on this.

Respectively submitted,

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Secretary