

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)  
Executive Board Meeting April 25, 2019  
Alumni Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium**

**I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on April 25 by President Neal Raber at 10:00am.**

**II. Others present included Bob Blankenship, JoAnn Collier, Cathy Edwards, Bob Gandee, John Heminger, Loren Hoch, Rita Klein, Ed Lasher, Carl Lieberman, Laura Moss-Spitler, Pam Rupert, Dan Sheffer, Frank Thomas, Diane Vukovich, Tom Vukovich, and Mel Vye.**

**III. Excused: Ali Hajjafar, Linda Sugarman.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the March 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting & April 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting were approved as mailed.**

**V. Treasure's Report. John Heminger reported that we had an end of March balance of \$7,623.86. Our total income for the month was \$525 and our costs were \$532.69. Our March 2018 balance was \$8,515.25 for comparison purposes. There was no activity in the Petty Cash; a balance of \$292.04 remains.**

**VI. Corresponding Secretary: Neal Raber reported for Linda Sugarman that she sent condolence cards to the families of Robert Zangrando and Jim Brechbill. The Zangrando family sent AUAR a "thank you" note for remembering them. Linda Sugarman also sent a "get well" card to Bill Beyer.**

**Linda Sugarman notes that we send cards to those who were or who currently are members of AUAR. She asks that we continue for forward death notices as we see them. She also asks that we continue to notify her in the cases of illness, outstanding recognitions, or large donations to our endowment.**

**VII. Committee Reports.**

**A. Programs. Tom Vukovich reported that our luncheons are completed for the 2018-2019 academic year. He thanked Laura Moss Spitler for her handling of the April speaker and the summary of the presentation for the Newsletter. He also noted that Dan Sheffer has scheduled our speaker for the April 8, 2020 luncheon, Jamey Emmert. This speaker will feature birds of our geographic area.**

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**Special Events:** Tom Vukovich reminded everyone that our Road Trip was coming up shortly and we would be meeting in the Martin Center parking lot, rather than our usual area

Diane Vukovich reported on the May Lobster and Suds special event. The flier has been sent out as well as the list of responsibilities for that evening. If anyone has a problem with carrying out their duties, they should notify her. The chicken and the vegetarian lasagna will come from the same source as last year, The Venue, in Tallmadge. Euclid Fish is our source for the lobsters.

**B. Membership.** Frank Thomas was able to make his own report this time as he had recently made his way back from Florida into frigid Ohio! He reported that we currently have 456 active members, of whom 297 are “paid” memberships. The others are enjoying their “free” first year of membership. We have 79 retirees who are listed as “inactive” at the current time.

Frank Thomas also noted that we lost 2 members recently, Robert Zangrando and Bill Glazier. Our annual membership appeal will go out in June. Those new retirees attending Founder’s Day will receive their membership packet at the luncheon. All others will be mailed out by later the same day.

Frank Thomas also reported that we have received a total of \$4,304 in donations that have come in with our membership renewals since May of last year.

**C. Political Action.** Bob Gandee – no OCHER meeting, no report.

**D. Benefits.** Neal Raber reported for Linda Sugarman that retiree dependents may still receive a false notice from CVS that their prescriptions are not covered. The Dependent needs to call the Caremark phone number and report that they are still using their retail pharmacy.

Linda Sugarman also noted that sometimes your prescriptions may be cheaper without going through your insurance. Ask your pharmacist to check for you. Linda Sugarman had a prescription that went from \$10 to \$7.50 by eliminating insurance!

**E. Faculty Senate.** Bob Gandee submitted the following report:

The April meeting of the Faculty Senate was extremely short in duration because the Interim President and the Provost were not in attendance for this meeting.

Remarks of the Chair Linda Saliga:

- a. The list of the 2019 graduates was approved.

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- b. The pause in the reorganization plan was well received by the Chair. The University needs to work to increase enrollment of new students and the retention and graduation of those students currently enrolled at the University.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. GAAC – Senator Bean, Chair, submitted three courses to the Senate for approval as General Education courses.  
8200:445 Community of Nursing – Complex Systems  
3400:377 History of Women in Latin America – Global Diversity  
3370:130 Geologic Record of Climate Change – Natural Science
- b. Academic Policies Committee – Senator Klein, Chair, did not have action items to report to the Senate, but did provide an update of forthcoming issues. The Committee is reviewing methods to enhance the relationship between the Wayne Campus and the Main Campus in Akron. Another issue under consideration is to increase the Deans' awareness of the need to monitor the changing of grades that were posted in previous years.
- c. Computing and Communications Technologies Committee – Senator Randby, Chair, submitted a written report for the Senate's consideration. The Committee is developing a listing of the best practices for obtaining good response rate for on-line evaluations. When refined, the listing will be incorporated into a document for the faculty.
- d. Report of the Representatives to the Grad Council – Senators Soucek and Tessier reported that the Grad Council has approved a tuition incentive for graduate students to work as tutors. The tutors would be required to complete the English Proficiency Exam and other measures to qualify for this job.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Senator Budd requested to withdraw his Resolution on Reorganization considering President Green's withdrawal of the Reorganization Plan.

**New Business:**

- a. The Senate will continue its discussion of the change in the Senate Bylaws at its May meeting.
- b. Senate approved a resolution relative to free speech/expression on Campus.
- c. Senate approved the formation of a Tiger Team including equal representation from Office of Academic Affairs, Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Student Government, University Council, the Chair of Chairs. The purpose of this team would be to identify ways and means to advance recruitment, persistence, graduation rates of our students. This team shall report its decision to the Senate by September 2019.

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**F. University & Community Service/Website.** Dan Sheffer asked everyone to check the list of names and addresses to let him know if there is anything they don't want displayed on the web. A discussion followed concerning email security.

**G. Scholarship.** Carl Lieberman reported that Mary Schadle said that AUAR has given a total of \$26,400 in scholarships. Jason Sanders reported that our endowment is currently at \$112,000. Our spending account for the academic year 2019-2020 contains \$7,000. This comes from \$2,400 that remained in the spending account plus \$4,600 in interest earned by the endowment. Carl Lieberman requested that the Board determine what they want to award for this coming year.

After some discussion, Cathy Edwards moved that AUAR award two scholarships at \$2,500 each for the academic year 2019-2020. Frank Thomas seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

**H. Newsletter.** Pam Rupert announced that the next Newsletter will go out early fall semester. There will be an August deadline for submissions. She also noted that she is looking for an assistant editor to help with the Newsletter. Please contact her.

**VIII. Unfinished Business. None.**

**IX. New Business. None.**

**X. Adjournment at 11:06am.**

**Respectfully submitted:  
Rita Klein, Recording Secretary**

**Next Executive Board Meeting:  
May 23, 2019.  
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