

## OSURA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 2, 2023

Meeting Place: OSU Foundation Board Room

Present: Kevin Ahern, Tony Amandi, Gary Beach, Mary Burke, Mike Burke, Carroll DeKock, Jaga Giebultowicz, Rose Kenneke, Indira Rajagopal, Mike Schuyler, Julie Searcy, Bob Smythe, Liz Webb, Bill Young and Teri Braun

Absent: Larry Pribyl

Called to order at 10:01 AM by President Carroll DeKock

### 1. Review and Approval of Board minutes of Friday, September 1, 2023, and group picture.

There were no changes to the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### 2. Budget and Finance

Bill Young reported that not much had changed from last month. There have been 5 new single members (at \$20/each) and 10 new family memberships (at \$30/each) bringing the total paid memberships in this fiscal year to 235. With 80 paid last year, the total paid memberships are currently 315. The Fall Start-up had income of \$1,144 from tickets and expenses of \$2,150 (from room costs and catering). The ending balance of the General Foundation Fund was \$11,867.21.

The Scholarship fund had an FY24 beginning balance of \$16,631.06, FY24 contributions of \$9,240.00, and expenses of \$1,662.00 giving an ending balance of \$24,209.06. Kevin Ahern asked about commitments against this ending balance. Bill indicated that \$19,200 (8 scholarships at \$2,400 each) is currently committed to scholarships.

The Scholarship Fund had a book value of \$100,808.50 as of June 30, 2023.

### 3. Brief Committee Reports

#### a. Scholarship Committee

Mike Schuyler reported that 'Scholar Dollars' started yesterday and that OSURA applications will start on January 1, 2024. The application closing date will be February 16<sup>th</sup> or so and scholarship recipients will be suggested by the committee before the April 2024 OSURA board meeting. This year the committee will try to do their work "online". The target for this year will be 6 to 8 scholarships of \$2,400/each. Jaga Giebultowicz asked if comments would

be possible on the “online” documents and Mike thought that would be possible. Bill Young and Mike Schuyler discussed increasing the scholarships above \$2,400 and there was general support for the idea. Bill Young also discussed placing more resources into scholarships and building the Scholarship Endowment fund less aggressively than in the past. Again, there was general support for this approach. Mike pointed out that decisions would be needed before the April OSURA board meeting.

b. Program Committee

Tony Amandi reported that the “Autonomous Robots used by OSU Food Services” program on September 15<sup>th</sup> went well. Rain is likely for the October 11<sup>th</sup> mini golf tournament. They will cancel if it rains. The planned program at the Beth Ray Center for Academic Support will be delayed due to shortage of staff at the center. Ray Brooks continues to work on this.

Tony and Larry Pribyl have several ideas in the planning stages for other programs this fall but contacts have not been made yet.

c. Newsletter and Website

Liz Webb reported that she has lots of articles for the Fall Edition of “News and Views” which has a mid-October deadline. Mike Schuyler asked if there was a print edition and Liz indicated that it was all electronic. Liz is working with the student intern in University Events, Drew Caldwell, on updating the OSURA website and that changes in the Scholarship area are done. Liz indicated that Kathy Motley reported using 10 OSURA volunteers at the recent University Day.

d. Member Services Committee

Jaga Giebultowicz reported that 14 people had signed up for the square dance program but none from OSURA. She is working on an “online signup” for the winter term Faculty Fitness Class. Currently signing up must be done in person at Langton Hall. Tony Amandi indicated that some parking places are available across from Langton Hall.

f. Travel Share

Rose Kenneke indicated the OSURA Travel Share will be on train and bus travel through the Canadian Rockies by Joe Nibler this afternoon here at the OSU Foundation Board Room. Forty-two OSURA members signed up with 2 guests.

#### 4. Staff Report

Teri Braun reported that the Fall Start-up had 40 registered and that 36 attended in MU room 109. The 2023 OSU Retiree Directory will be mailed out soon. Recordings are available for the Fall Startup and the Travel Shares.

#### 5. Old Business

Start-up Review and Next Year Suggestions: Mary Burke suggested doing something different next year. Several pointed out that the cost is high for just 40 participants. Indira Rajagopal asked about the goal of the event. After discussion, it was agreed OSURA should target 100 participants and that the program be in an area important to OSURA. Kevin Ahern asked if there was any possible involvement of students with a link to OSURA's scholarship program. There was a lot of support on the OSURA board for this idea. The OSU Folk Club has had some success with this approach, and it could build additional support for the scholarship program. The future Fall Start-up might include a "scholarship recipient student panel" presenting their narrative and their future. This might include short presentations followed by questions. The Corvallis Community Center seems the most likely venue as it's close for students with good parking for attendees. It should occur early in Fall term.

#### 6. New Business

Kevin Ahern moved that the future Fall Start-up be built around a scholarship student panel presenting their student background, their student experience at OSU, and their career plans. Mary Burke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Information on this will be added to the scholarship application.

Mary Burke reported that having an OSURA table at the University Day Expo event on September 19<sup>th</sup> was not recommended for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next scheduled OSURA Board meeting is Monday, November 6, 2023, at 10 AM at the OSU Foundation Building (the date was changed due to the non-availability of our meeting room the proceeding Friday).

Respectfully submitted, Mike Burke