

## OSURA Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 1, 2023

Meeting Place: OSU Foundation Board Room

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

Absent: Tony Amandi, Mary Burke, Mike Burke

Called to order at 10:00 AM by President Carroll DeKock

Carroll passed around a get-well card for Mike Burke.

### 1. Review and Approval of Board minutes of Friday, November 6, 2023.

There were no changes to the minutes, version #2. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### 2. Budget and Finance

Bill Young reported that in absence of a detailed accounting of income and expenses to our General fund and Scholarship fund in November (due to the December 1st meeting date), he deferred to the OSU Foundation's annual report for FY 2022-23. This report, which was just released in mid-November, is prepared annually for each of their endowed accounts. For the report to the board, he copied just two pages, specific to OSURA's endowment, as a summary. He attached a handout with pages 1 and 14.

Bill called attention to the notable 9.4% increase in the Foundation's endowment due to an aggressive management of the portfolio. He also pointed out that approximately 4,500 students on campus receive scholarships.

### 3. Brief Committee Reports

#### a. Scholarship Committee

Mike Schuyler began by listing the current membership of the Scholarship Committee (Kevin Ahern, Mary Burke, Bill Becker, Bobbie Hall, Indira Rajagopal, and Mike Schuyler). He then raised a question: At the September meeting the committee membership size was discussed, and he had gotten the impression that the board considered this size (six) was sufficient. Therefore, two OSURA members who had volunteered to join were to be thanked

but not added. However, after discussion today the consensus was to contact those two and indicate an increase in the membership, in part due to some changes in procedure outlined in the November minutes. They would be asked to join if still interested.

In addition, when Mike reminded the board that he would need to be replaced as chair of the committee next year, Kevin Ahern offered to take on the chair position. Mike will assist this year in showing Kevin how the role has played out recently and thanked Kevin for volunteering.

#### b. Program Committee

Larry Pribyl reported for the committee.

The Starship Robots presentation was a success.

The planned tour of the Beth Ray Center was cancelled due to staff shortages; the plan now is to offer the tour in February at a date yet to be determined.

The Mini Golf event was cancelled due to rain.

The planned event featuring a speaker from Republic Services is in limbo awaiting a speaker.

The Women's Gymnastics event planned for December 16 has been cancelled for the time being due to a suitable speaker not being identified.

Larry reported that a tour of the new PRAX facility is being planned. The Program committee is also working on a talk by David Bernell in winter term, and they are also working on repeating the traditional Women's Basketball dinner sometime in February.

#### c. Newsletter and Website

Liz Webb reported that she is hoping for a suggestion for the OSURA member to be profiled in the next newsletter.

She asked if a memorial article featuring Charles Vars would be appropriate, pointing out that she was not sure about his involvement in OSURA. This was not resolved.

Liz announced that the next newsletter would be coming out around March 15. She reminded the board that she could include items announcing upcoming events if the dates fit this schedule.

Liz and Teri talked a bit about updating the website.

The Basic Needs Center Food Pantry in the Champinefu Lodge (formerly Avery Lodge) is always looking for volunteers. An email announcement will be circulated when there is a call for help. In addition, there is expected to be a need for volunteers to assist with the MLK Jr. Parade in January. OSURA members have traditionally helped with this.

d. Member Services Committee

Jaga Giebultowicz reported that she had contacted Fitness Over Fifty about access for retired folks who can use their health insurance provision. An email announcement dealing with this topic will be distributed. In addition, access of the same sort for the Osborne Aquatic Park could be covered. Bill Young asked if folks could “double-dip” and access more than one health club. There was no clear answer.

There was some discussion about offering a program in spring term for upcoming OSU retirees. Teri explained the type of notice she sees in the University Events Office for individuals in this category and thinks it might be possible to generate an email distribution list to notify upcoming retirees.

e. Travel Share

Rose Kenneke announced two upcoming Travel Share talks:

Feb. 16, Alaska Cruises, by the Kathleen and Gordon Reistad;

April 8, Athens to London, by Kevin Ahern and Indira Rajagopal.

4. Staff Report

Teri Braun responded to the question of whether retired non-emeritus faculty and staff are provided OSU email accounts was raised. The consensus was that they are NOT.

5. Old Business

There was no Old Business

6. New Business

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

The next scheduled OSURA Board meeting is Friday, January 5, 2024, at 10 AM at the OSU Foundation Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Schuyler for Mike Burke