

ULARP Report to the Faculty Senate 11 3 20

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At its in-person meeting of 19 October 2021, at the University Club, the Board approved the minutes of 21 September and heard reports from its various committees, with Vice President Brenda Hart presiding.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

HR ISSUES: Sande Johnson-Byers reported that in a called meeting, she presented to Mary Elizabeth Miles a series of unresolved issues. Although HR has limited its communication to retirees who receive benefits through HR, Ms. Miles will try to see if all retirees can be included.

HR indicated that access to Workday software is limited to retirees with health, vision, and dental insurance through HR, due to security concerns. Mary Rising will contact Rehan Kahn to see if a retiree can be added to the Change Ambassador Network to provide feedback as the system is developed.

Bev Daly has asked Sarah Robertson for an updated list of retirees and their contact information. Ms. Miles has said that privacy issues pertain. Without that list, we could call all new retirees to get permission for release of their contact information or we could send them a letter requesting it. HR says they will send future retirees an email with boxes to check off, including a box for ULARP. A lengthy discussion ensued on the following topics: Is ULARP a university organization, or no, since the group is recognized within the Alumni Association. Presumably, we could get contact information of retirees who are also alumni from the Alumni Association. Why are retirees a security risk?

INFORMATION SESSION: Profula Sheth has asked ULARP to sponsor an information session on the Medicare changes for 2022, but ULARP has suspended information sessions to date.

OTHER ITEMS: Mary Rising reported via Brenda Hart that the Alumni Association has been very supportive of ULARP and noted that Brian Buford was very helpful in arranging a meeting with President Bendapudi. She also noted that insurance premiums are going to increase.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Bev Daly noted that in December or January, we will ask members to renew their membership and will solicit new members, followed up with an email or post card as necessary. She has a list of all retirees who have paid dues in the last two years and has added the names of new retirees.

HRAC REPORT: Recent meetings have focused on insurance and have been informational rather than decision-making.

EDITOR'S REPORT: The October newsletter has been distributed. Table skirts are being ordered with the ULARP logo, and cards containing information about ULARP have been ordered in preparation for the reception to be held at a basketball game (date to be confirmed with Brian Buford), as have cards to invite members to the holiday luncheon. The next newsletter will go out in January.

FACULTY SENATE REPORT: Elaine Wise's report was distributed with the minutes. She highlighted the decline in student enrollment that has a serious impact on the budget, and she noted that the Senate voted to support a vaccine mandate.

STAFF SENATE REPORT: Mike Byrne's report was distributed prior to the meeting. He highlighted the increase in vaccination rates, and noted that Foundation funds have increased by 32%.

UNIVERSITY CLUB REPORT: In response to a board member's query about the rise in retiree membership rates, Elaine Wise reported that retiree dues have been raised one dollar a month. Faculty, staff, and retiree rates have all been normalized to \$30 a month. The Alumni rate is \$50 a month. The Lunch Club rate is \$15 a month. She noted that retirees (as well as faculty and staff) are invited to join the Lunch Club if they plan to use the Club only for lunch. The Board is planning to rename that group the Lunch & Pub Club in order to make it available for afternoon Pub hour visits.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The *Raise Some L* Fundraising Campaign begins tonight. Brenda Hart is ULARP's Ambassador to the Alumni Association and urged Board members to give if possible.

Wayne Hall has resigned from the Board. His replacement will be selected by the University Club President in consultation with the ULARP President.

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BENDAPUDI:

The Board made a list of important issues to discuss with the President when she joins us at the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m., in the University Club Board Room.