Coordinating Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
Honors College, Seminar Room 235

Absent: Valerie Fennell, Robert McDonough, and Leonard Teel.

Staff: Karin Arranz, Dean Lawrence Berman (Honors), Jim Burke, Kim Cretors, Tabatha Michel

Dangel called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and introduced Dr. Lawrence Berman, Dean of the Honors College.

Approval of Meeting Agenda. Unanimous.

Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes. The minutes were amended to note in the University Update that one reason why Perimeter College had a lower graduation rate last year was that many students transfer to another University to complete their degree.

Chair’s Report. Dangel reported that about 50 Emeriti, including some from Perimeter College, attended the holiday party on Dec. 4, 2016. This spring the Board will select officers for 2017–2018 from a slate proposed by the Nomination Committee.

Membership Report. There is no membership report for this cycle.

Author’s Series Report. Mosby reported that on Nov. 16 about 80 people heard Emeritus Harvey Newman discuss his book Andrew Young and the Making of Modern Atlanta, co-authored with Andrew Young and his daughter, Andrea Young. On March 1, Law Professor Jonathan Todres will discuss his book Human Rights in Children’s Literature: Imagination and the Narrative of Law.

Activities Report. There is no activities report for this cycle.

Communications Report. Sartain reported that copy for the February newsletter was submitted before the university closed for the winter holidays, and it will appear in mid-February. She presented a proposal from Kim Cretors that the number of Emeriti newsletters be changed from four issues to three issues a year. The motion was unanimously approved.

GA HERO and AROHE Report. There is no GA HERO/AROHE report for this cycle.
Immediate Past Chair / USG Retiree Council Representative Report. Cody reported that the last USCRC meeting was October 21 in Macon. The Healthcare Reimbursement Accounts will remain the same as last year ($2,736/eligible participant). Enrollment was automatic this year for those who did not change their insurance company. The next national/international meeting of AROHE will be in Atlanta with Emory as the primary host institution.

Cretors gave an update of recent University activities.

Discussions/Motions

a. **Honors College Just-In-Time Fund proposal.** Two students in the Honors College discussed the ways they had benefitted from the Honors College “just-in-time” funds, designated for those who need funding for professional opportunities that became available to them, such as travel to conferences or internships abroad. **Dangel proposed that the Board establish this fund permanently, and Dean Berman announced a $5,000 donation from Rankin Cooter. The fund would be administered by the Honors College, with recipients selected by Honor College administrators and faculty. Donations would count for the Honors College, the Emeriti Association, and the unit designated by the donor (if any). The College would report annually to the Emeriti Board on the allocation of the funds, the perceived impact of the funds, and any unmet needs. If there is money in the fund that is not spent during a given year, it will be rolled over to the following year. This will not be an endowed fund. The Emeriti Association will share this information with its members, and Dean Berman will promote it in the Honors College as well. There will also be a link to donate to the fund on the Emeriti Website. The motion to do so was unanimously approved, and a committee formed that would come up with a tangible goal with logistics. Cody, Dangel, Gallant, Haberlen, and Ratajczak volunteered to serve on it.**

b. **New Emeriti Welcome.** Since the earlier planned “New Emeriti Welcome" had been postponed by the Provost, it was proposed that this event should be included in the upcoming Valentine’s Luncheon, and that this welcome of the new emeriti should be a permanent feature of future Valentine Luncheons. Motion unanimously approved.

c. **Meeting Locations.** Hogue proposed delegating power to Kim Cretors to find future meeting locations, and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business. Dangel asked Cody as chair of the Nominating Committee to suggest a slate of officers and committee chairs for 2017-18 at our next meeting. He noted that there is no present chair of the Bylaws Committee, and asked for volunteers.

The next board meeting is Wednesday, March 8, at noon in the GSU Alumni Association headquarters. Details to follow in February.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Christine Gallant, Secretary.

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