

## Emeriti Association Coordinating Board Meeting

January 20, 2021

Online via Webex

Present: William Feldhaus, Joanne Burgess, Catherine Carter, Missy Cody, Harry Dangel, John Haberlen, Deborah Huntley, Richard Miller, Sandra Owen, Don Ratajczak, Ted Wadley

Absent: John DeCastro, Christine Gallant, Ruth Saxton, Leonard Teel, Charles Williams

Staff: Adrienne Veal, Scarlett Earley, Office of Donor Relations.

The agenda is appended below, as are January 2021 committee reports and update on library policies.

I. Call to order

II. Welcome

Chair Feldhaus called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and welcomed everyone.

III. Approval of meeting agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2020

The agenda for this meeting and minutes of the last meeting were approved.

V. Committee reports

Please see written reports submitted in advance of the meeting appended below.

Feldhaus asked for additions to the membership committee report. Dangel said he has spoken to currently active emeriti in all of the colleges, and everyone he asked to help with this outreach has said yes. He hopes to send a personalized email to new emeriti about a community interested in them, one that wants to work with them.

For the nominations committee, Dangel said we need an alternate representative to the USG Retiree Council, and he nominated Sandra Owen. Owen is interested in USG benefits for retirees, the main business of the council, and stays up-to-date on developments within the USG. There being no further discussion, Feldhaus declared Owen the alternate representative by acclamation.

Dangel said there would be a slate of nominees for Emeriti Association officers for the next meeting of the board.

For the activities committee, Cody said events would be online until the pandemic situation improved for people our age; she mentioned weekly concerts at the Rialto.

For the communications committee, Owen said there is new information on the “about us” section of the website, including a welcome for new emeriti. She asked about emeriti from the library, not affiliated with a college. Cody suggested listing the library as a separate unit, and Feldhaus said no vote on that was necessary.

Owen thanked Wadley for his work on tracking down the academic titles of Perimeter College Emeriti.

For the outreach committee, Feldhaus said he was trying to create matching-gift funding for donations to the Honors College Just-in-Time Fund. The goal is \$25,000.

Dangel asked if the fund were available to honors students in Perimeter College. Just-in-Time funding has helped students who needed a few hundred dollars to stay in college, and supported Honors students making presentations at conferences. It has made a lot of difference for many students. Burgess said she will try to find out the situation for Perimeter honors students.

#### VI. New Business

Feldhaus asked about “virtual events.” Early said that due to the pandemic, all emeriti events would be online for the foreseeable future, but we could discuss virtual replacements for the gatherings we held before. and also new events for these socially distanced times. Dangel said that events like the author series in some colleges are now virtual. Veal added that the Alumni Association has scheduled several virtual events; Early said to let her know which we found interesting for emeriti, so she could promote them by email. Owen said that our website has sections for events from the Emeriti Association as well as from each college. The music program is offering performances online, and there are lecture series in some colleges.

#### VII. Georgia State University Update

Early said GSU was approved as last week as a distribution site for Covid vaccines. No timeline has been announced; it will follow the recommended phases for inoculation. The GSU community will be notified. Employees are considered essential workers.

Huntley said that Kennesaw State University has already started giving vaccines; a neighbor of hers, over 65, has already received a vaccine. Owen said that Emory Healthcare has set up a vaccination site at Northlake Mall for anyone who is a patient.

#### IX. Adjournment

Feldhaus adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am

Submitted by Ted Wadley

**Coordinating Board Meeting - Agenda**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

**11:00 a.m. – 11:45am**

**Virtual**

I. Call to order

II. Welcome

III. Approval of meeting agenda

IV. Approval of minutes from October 21, 2020

V. Committee Reports (Please review packet materials prior to meeting)

VI. New Business

- Virtual Events

VII. Georgia State University Update

- COVID-19 Vaccine

VIII. Adjournment

## OCTOBER 2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Chairs Report – Bill Feldhaus**

***(Contact: feldhaus@gsu.edu)***

No report.

### **Membership Report – vacant**

No report. Recommendation to elect 2 co-chairs (1 from Atlanta campus and 1 from Perimeter campus) at October meeting.

### **Nominations Report – Harry Dangel**

***(Contact: hdangel@gsu.edu)***

The Nominations Committee has two items for action:

1. Joanne Burgess has been recommended as a member of the Emeriti Coordinating Committee. I think she is from Perimeter College. We need a motion from someone who knows her.
2. We need to select someone to serve as the Georgia State University alternative member to the USG Retiree Council. The Council's bylaws specify that officers can not be voting members, I am the current chair of the USGRC as of July 1, 2020 and so Ted Wadley has moved from our alternative member to our voting member. Our meetings are currently virtual and require no traveling.

### **Activities Report – Missy Cody and John de Castro, Co-Chairs**

***(Contact: mmcody50@gmail.com; john.m.de.castro@gmail.com)***

No report.

### **Communications Report – Christine Gallant and Sandra Owen, Co-Chairs**

***(Contact: cgallant@gsu.edu; sowen2@gsu.edu)***

*Newsletter Subcommittee, by Christine Gallant, editor and committee co-chair.*

The Fall 2020 issue was printed and mailed in early September, and I'm now working on the Winter 2021 issue, due out around Thanksgiving. Both issues have as their general theme, "Coping with Covid-19 at Georgia State." I expect that this will be the theme for future issues for some time, unfortunately, for I think that emeriti wish to know how our University is progressing in these difficult times for higher education.

*Emeriti Website Subcommittee, by Sandra Owen, Co-chair Communications Committee; Chair, Emeriti Website*

I. Harry Dangel, Missy Cody and Christine Gallant reviewed several College Emeriti member lists and provided missing academic title information that was then entered into appropriate College revision lists for future posting on the website by the incoming student assistant.

2. Jointly reviewed, along with Christine Gallant and Scarlet Earley, three applications for the student assistant position. From the application review, one student was selected for interview. Sophia Ragan accepted the position and began Essentials5 training in early September, 2020.

3. Completed several navigations across all links of the Emeriti website to locate any nonfunctioning links. The link to Aging Connections had been removed by the Gerontology Center. I have decided to replace with a link to [aging.georgia.gov/programs –and-services/home-community-based-services](http://aging.georgia.gov/programs-and-services/home-community-based-services) for the Emeriti website. The Donor Relations, Our Innovations and Activities, University Development and Alumni Affairs link to our Emeriti website includes several links to the old website and will be updated by the student assistant as outlined in the current work plan for the website.

4. I have written the website work plan that outlines website responsibilities specific to additions and/or revisions to be completed October- December, 2020.

5. I have contacted Rashan Beachman of Digital Strategy at Georgia State University. He has agreed to provide monthly analytics data of Emeriti Association website activity. I will then synthesize the data and report trends during my website report at each Board meeting. This is a free service of Georgia State University through Digital Strategy.

### **Outreach Report – Harry Dangel**

**(Contact: [hdangel@gsu.edu](mailto:hdangel@gsu.edu))**

Since our last meeting, two news updates have been sent to emeriti members.

### **Representative Report – Harry Dangel**

**(Contact: [hdangel@gsu.edu](mailto:hdangel@gsu.edu))**

No report.

## **October 2020 Proposed Bylaw Amendment**

Actions by a university senate committee or subcommittee may be taken by electronic voting. Motions should be sent to the official university email address of record of each committee member, and the committee chair must afford the committee members a reasonable amount of time, and no less than two business days, to respond to a request to vote by email. At least a majority of the entire committee membership must participate before an electronic vote can be considered valid. At least a majority of those responding must vote affirmatively for a motion to pass. Non-responses will not count as either affirmative or negative votes or as abstentions. If a committee member objects to using electronic voting for a particular motion at the time of the vote, voting on the motion must be delayed to an official meeting of the committee. The results of an electronic vote must be reported at the minutes of the next meeting.