

**Emeriti Association Coordinating Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 13, 2016 – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Student Center West (SCW) 260**

**Attendance:** *Members:* Harry Dangel (Chair), Myra Carmon, Missy Cody, Rankin Cooter, Christine Gallant, Harvey Newman, Charles Williams.  
*Guests from Perimeter College:* Rosemary Cox, Robert McDonough, Betty Molloy, Ron Swofford.

*Staff:* Walter Massey, Alva Sanders.

**Not present:** Lynn Hogue, Anne Page Mosby, Dave Ewert, Teryl Frey, John Hogan, Alfred McWilliams, Lorene Pilcher, Donald Ratajczak, Pat Sartain

Harry Dangel called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda and Consent Agenda.** Unanimous agreement.

**Approval of Minutes.**

Changes were suggested to minutes of the February 10, 2016 board meeting. (Amended minutes are attached.) Motion to accept minutes as amended was made by Cooter and seconded by Gallant.

**Website.**

The website presentation was postponed to a later meeting. Former website committee chair Sandra Owens has stepped down from the Board. The website remains a work in progress. Dangel said that the survey he recently sent to all emeriti had suggested that we post activities on the website. We also need to provide links to see Emeriti in departments and colleges.

**Chair's Report.**

Dangel suggested that it would be good if our emeriti could get business cards. All emeriti get ID cards. Massey will check to see if the GSU logo can be used on cards for emeriti purposes. Dangel stated the value of having business cards, as it is an affiliation issue and a distinction from those who are not emeriti. Gallant questioned who would pay for this. Dangel stated that the Foundation might, although it would depend on the number of cards needed; and indicated he will look into costs just for the board for now.

Dangel has spoken with Gail Imoukhuede (Benefits) about getting information about the Emeriti Association to future retirees. She will distribute our booklet to them at workshops and meetings.

**Nomination Committee Report.** Cody distributed the "Nominations Committee Report." Mosby has resigned as Secretary, and the Nominations Committee nominated Christine Gallant for this post. Cody contacted Gallant, who agreed to serve. Nominations for new Board members will be made after the Perimeter College Retiree Association provides the names of 3 emeriti to serve on the Board. The Nomination

Committee suggested that Perimeter Board members be appointed for staggered terms to avoid their all rotating off at the same time; and also that Board members decide on which committee they wished to serve after a year on the Board.

Dangel indicated it would be good to have a balance of colleges on the Board so that each college has a voice. After discussion, members decided not to specify a designated number for each college.

### **GSU Update.**

Massey stated it has been a very exciting year. There has been some reorganization in Alumni Development, and we are well into our fund-raising campaign. Kim Cretors, Director of Donor Relations, will be working with our Emeriti Association. GSU has been named one of the top five innovative Universities in the country for two main reasons: #1 is our academic advising and #2 is our Financial Advising Center, thanks to a grant of about a million dollars from SunTrust Bank. This center provides oversight of student financial choices on campus (dorms, etc.) to assure that they are wise choices.

GSU asked the Perimeter College Foundation to dissolve and send its assets to the GSU Foundation's Endowment, as well as its management. 2 LLCs (land) at GPC will be managed by GSU. Three members on the GPC board have been asked to be on the GSU Foundation board.

Dangel mentioned that the upcoming Beltline bus tour is being funded by the GSU Foundation, which has supported many emeriti events, such as the Holiday Party at Canterbury, the Valentine Day's Luncheon, and so on.

GSU won negotiation rights from the city to purchase Turner Field. The plan is to renovate it for football and parking, and develop the rest with Carter and Associates: retail, student housing, and multi-use housing. Gallant questioned if Carter will consider proposals from nearby neighborhood groups such as the one for Peoplestown; and Massey responded that these communities have had opportunities to give input. He added that GSU will be a permanent tax base for Atlanta. Cody indicated a tax base is important to them.

### **Bylaws Discussion.**

The Board discussed possible changes to the Bylaws about the Board's proportional representation by college. Cooter indicated that currently there is no restriction, and it might be better not to specify anything. There have been Board recruitment problems among the general membership.

Gallant also brought up the definition of "quorum" in III.B of the Bylaws, which states that the Board can only act with a "quorum, consisting of at least one-third of its membership." Gallant pointed out that a quorum is defined by Robert's Rules as a majority (half plus one), and one-third is not a majority. The Board decided not to change the Bylaws definition.

The motion was made by Carmon to approve the changes to the bylaws, and seconded by Gallant. It was unanimously approved.

### **Author Series.**

In her report, Mosby suggested there is a continuing problem of low attendance. Possible solutions might be scheduling further in advance and moving some events off campus. Gallant said she has enjoyed the series, but questions how it is publicized. The authors speaking have been both current faculty and emeriti. Why not notify the academic department directly through its chair of the faculty member speaking? Notify their colleges? List in the *Signal*? It is an honor for the department and the college, and publicizes our organization to them too. Can we rethink locations for advertising? We need a more aggressive marketing and outreach.

Previously events were sometimes planned for the entire year and noted on our website "Calendar," and this would let people know well in advance about events. The Benefits event, Holiday party and Valentine's party always draw the largest numbers. Author Series used to have at least 10-15 people per meeting, though within the last year that number has dwindled. Cody indicated several Author Series in recent years have had excellent attendance. Dangel suggested ideas for possible changes:

- Get calendar set early
- Use multiple efforts at advertising

Dangel presented his Needs Assessment Survey. (See attached.) Preliminary results show that respondents were about equally divided between wanting events on the downtown GSU campus, wanting them inside the Perimeter, and wanting them in metro Atlanta outside the Perimeter. Dangel also discussed possibly posting activities on the website. Further, a membership list may be nice, with availability for advanced types of sorting – alphabetical, by college, etc. Perhaps a map of the Atlanta area could be added, looking at zip codes where people are concentrated and placing activities where people live. Cody agreed and said this may also help with carpooling.

### **New Business.**

McDonough discussed the upcoming Skidaway Island trip of the GPC Retirees Association, and noted that he is currently only 4 people short of the maximum.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Gallant, Secretary.