



**Coordinating Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 10, 2016 – 12:00 p.m.  
Student Center West 260**

**Attendance:** Harry Dangel, Missy Cody, Myra Carmon, Rankin Cooter, Dave Ewert, Valerie Fennell, Christine Gallant, John Habermen, Anne Page Mosby, Harvey Newman, Donald Ratajczak, Pat Sartain, Charles Williams

**Not present:** Teryl Frey, Lynn Hogue, Alfred McWilliams

*Staff:* Kim Cretors, Tabatha Michel, Adrienne Veal

Harry Dangel called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Dangel welcomed Tabatha Michel, Associate Vice President for Central Programs, and introduced her to the group, and then welcomed new member Valerie Fennell, Sociology.

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

**Approval of Minutes.** Unanimous agreement.

**Membership Report.**

Gallant proposed a motion to offer board membership to Emeritus Leonard Teel. The motion was unanimously approved.

Cooter volunteered to make phone calls to Bill Feldhaus, Risk Management, and Hugh Hudson, History, who had been invited to join the Board but had not replied.

**New Business.**

Dangel proposed an idea of Ewert's to change the coordinating board meeting dates to January, March, May, July, September and November starting 2017. The motion was unanimously approved. The December 2016 meeting will be cancelled. The final meeting of 2016 will be held October 12.

Dangel and Cody met with Tabatha Michel and Kim Cretors about establishing an endowed student scholarship for the Honors College. The fund would create grants for students to attend academic conferences to present their research or to study abroad. Gallant commented that the proposed fund would enhance the student experience and help to mentor, through funding, GSU's cream of the crop.

Cody spoke about outside funding possibly hindering a student's ability to receive financial aid and stated that a grant would not affect financial aid. Habermen suggested that travel grants are better for small resources. Ratajczak asked what the next steps might be in creating an endowed fund. Michel encouraged having a meeting with Dean Larry Berman, Honors College. She stated that Dean Berman is interested in engaging across the university and would offer creative ways to devise a budget and plan for the Emeriti Association. Dangel made a motion to invite Dean Berman to the October board

meeting to speak to the group and to have him write an article for the Fall Emerities newsletter to advertise to a broader audience about this proposed grant. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **State of GSU.**

Cretors reported that \$30MM had been raised in FY16 and the Burning Bright Campaign has raised \$218MM so far toward a goal of \$300MM. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive fiscal year that the Foundation has raised \$30MM+. Dangel stated that the GSU Research Foundation had raised \$100MM for FY16.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for Piedmont Central dormitory will be held at 1:00 p.m. on August 11. The new facility is adding 1,152 beds to the Atlanta campus.

This year marks the 7<sup>th</sup> season of Panther Football. The season presents stewardship opportunities for select donors to engage with Dr. Becker and First Lady Voisinet at the home games.

Cretors discussed some upcoming events – Distinguished Alumni Awards will be held at the Foundry at Puritan Mill on October 21, followed by the Panther Football Homecoming game on October 22. The Women's Philanthropy Initiative luncheon is being rescheduled for October.

The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 27, 2016 at the Rialto.

Cretors mentioned some of the projects Donor Relations handles such as the annual report and endowment reports. The annual report is mailed to approximately 5,000 households. With the Perimeter College consolidation, there will be approximately 450 endowment reports up from GSU's previous 350 reports. Cretors also spoke briefly about her department's new scholarship stewardship program.

### **GA-HERO.**

Ewert stated there will be a meeting on November 11, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be held in Macon at the Middle Georgia State University (formerly Macon State College). This will be the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for GA-HERO. Ewert made a call for volunteers to help sell TIAA. Dr. Conrad Ciccotello has presented some interesting research on TIAA that can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/japbax8>.

There is an AROHE meeting in August in Seattle. Cody will attend that meeting and invited any comments before her visit. In 2018, the national organization of HERO will meet in Atlanta.

Cody stated that the Retiree Council will meet in October. More information will be available later. She is awaiting the Board of Regents evaluations of the AON survey and will update everyone on the new HRA number soon. Cody stressed the importance of doing research on Part D plans. Dangel and group thanked Cody for her service and information on retiree benefits.

### **Author Series.**

Anne Page Mosby gave an exciting update about the future of the Author Series. She met with Donor Relations staff and University Library coordinator Kaydee Wilson about devising a plan to better market the series to improve attendance. She suggested having Emeriti member volunteers from the speaker's department to emcee each event which would involve reading the book ahead of time and preparing questions for the Q&A portion of the event. Having an emeritus from the same field of study to introduce the speaker and book being presented would be an added bonus.

Mosby proposed having the events in March and November each year and foregoing the series dates in June or August. The next Author Series is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16 (location TBD) featuring the new book, *Andrew Young and the Making of Modern Atlanta*, co-authored by Emeritus Harvey Newman, Ambassador Andrew Young, and his daughter Andrea Young Thomas.

Gallant mentioned that the revamping of the Author Series could boost membership by publicizing the EA in the speaker's department.

### **Communications.**

Pat Sartain asked for holiday party information to be settled by September so as to be included in the Fall newsletter. There was discussion about having the event on or off campus. Harry reminded the Board that all other major functions are on-campus, and we might consider having the Holiday party at one of the five PC campuses. The Board voted to have the event again at Canterbury Court. Cretors stated that there are approximately 60 Emeriti members living at Canterbury Court and Lenbrook. She will find a Canterbury Court resident to host the Emeriti holiday party. Donor Relations will find a few weekend dates in December for the association to choose.

Sartain also asked for members to submit articles for the Fall newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:25 p.m.