



**Coordinating Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
GSU Alumni Center, Conference Room**

Attendance: Myra Carmon, Catherine Carter, Missy Cody, Rankin Cooter, Rosemary Cox, Harry Dangel, William Feldhaus, Valerie Fennell, Terry Frey, Christine Gallant, Al McWilliams, Anne Page Mosby, Don Ratajczak, Pat Sartain, Leonard Teel, Charles Williams.

Absent: David Ewert, John Habermen, Lynne Hogue, Robert McDonough, Harvey Newman.

Staff: Renee Bazemore, Jim Burke, Kim Cretors, Esther Raeschael.

Harry Dangel called the meeting to order at noon.

Approval of Meeting Agenda. Unanimous.

Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes. Unanimous.

Alumni Director Renee Bazemore welcomed us, and updated us on upcoming Alumni events, open to emeriti as well.

Chair's Report. Harry Dangel introduced John Duffield from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (OIR). He is the coordinator of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for our SACS accreditation. The OIR is developing a new QEP that will measure student learning and/or success under a future Five Year Action Plan. John Duffield seeks our Board's input through our possible proposals of topics for the OIR's future development that relate to student success. He gave us the QEP timeline: the topics will be selected during 2017; and then the QEP will be drafted, submitted and hopefully approved by SACS during 2018-9. The deadline for submission of topics is April 1, 2017; and he encouraged all present to suggest topics. An online resource page for proposals may be found at sacscoc.gsu.edu/qep.

Jim Burke from the Honors College spoke next, noting that last year the college gave out \$64,000 in scholarships to Honors students. He updated us about our new Just in Time fund. Don Ratajczak has given \$20,000 for a Challenge Fund. The flexibility of donation methods was discussed, which range from one-time donations to smaller monthly ones via charge accounts.

Nomination Committee Report. Missy Cody, Nominations Committee Chair, proposed a slate of officers for 2017-8: Chair, Don Ratajczak; Vice-Chair, Myra Carmon; Secretary, Christine Gallant (continuing); and Treasurer, Charles Williams. She also proposed a slate of committee chairs: Membership, Rosemary Cox; Activities, Terry Frey; Newsletter (after June 1), Leonard Teel; Representation, Harry Dangel; and Bylaws, Lynn Hogue. Missy added that her Nominating Committee particularly wished to incorporate Perimeter College emeriti such as Rosemary Cox into our governing Board; and noted also that a chair and co-chair for the Author Series are needed. *The Board unanimously voted to approve the slates of officers and committee chairs.*

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

Author's Series Report. Activities Report. Anne Page Mosby, Authors Series Chair, reported that on March 1, Law Professor Jonathan Todres discussed his book, *Human Rights in Children's Literature: Imagination and the Law*. This presentation was well-attended thanks to the excellent marketing and communicating headed by Kim Cretors (Director of the Office of Donor Relations and our Association's University Representative) and Kaydee Wilson (Editorial Production and Production Coordinator in the library). Anne Page Mosby asked if anyone on the current Board would volunteer to work with them, as well as with Library Dean Jeff Steely, to plan the Authors Series that is now two presentations a year in Fall and Spring. She is due to rotate off the Board for a year. A possible speaker for the Fall is Julia Gaffield, a GSU historian of the early-modern Atlantic world. *Christine Gallant* volunteered to work with Kim, Kaydee, and Dean Steely on the Author's Series.

In the Chair's Report by Harry Dangel, he suggested that a general focus for our future activities could be scholarly approaches to extend our health span, possibly through regular articles in *Emerities* and links on our website to books and blogs on promoting healthy aging. Christine suggested in line with this that our Association might work with GSU's Gerontology Institute. Harry and Renee Bazemore thanked Pat Sartain for her work on the *Emerities* newsletter and her efforts to preserve the history of our Association.

Pat Sartain suggested that we need to preserve our Association files in the Library, as we try to find additional historical records of our Association. Some early issues of *Emerities* are filed on Scholar Works, and need to be added to our website. Kim is seeking additional help from GSU's IT section as she updates our website, to assist in creating a procedure so that our Association files such as Board meeting minutes and old issues of *Emerities* are preserved in the GSU Archives. At present, such materials are not centralized. Archives Staff Assistant Laurel Bowen might be able to help us locate them.

Communications Report. Missy Cody said that we need a Communications Chair to replace the Website Chair, for the website work is now mainly done by Kim Cretors. (All comments on the website should go to Kim.)

GA HERO and AROHE Report. No report for this cycle.

Immediate Past Chair / USG Retiree Council Representative Report. No report for this cycle.

New Business. Harry Dangel suggested that the Association might consider some future engagement with the Native Plant Garden on the Decatur Perimeter College campus.

Don Ratajczak proposed that we devote future discussions, maybe even Hearings, to the implications for emeriti of the new national Health Care Plan. The next board meeting is Wednesday, May 10, at noon in 25 Park Place. Details to follow in May.

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

Submitted by Christine Gallant, Secretary.

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