UNM Retiree Association Board of Directors
Minutes
April 23, 2019

Present: Steve Borbas, Fred Rose, Rosalie Otero, Bev Kloeppe, Leslie Easom, Dub Karnes-Padilla, Breda Bova, Jerry White, Joyce Szabo, Donna Smith, & Constance Vance
Absent: Kevin Malloy, Mike Dougher, Kate Krause, Pug Burge
Staff: Guinevere Beard
Meeting Called to Order at 1:38 pm

Approval of Minutes
Approval of March 26th minutes.
Corrections: Will submit all corrections for the next meeting.
Motion to approve at the next meeting: Donna
Second: Bev

Speaker
- Cinnamon Blair: View the agenda below.

President’s Report
- Regents and F&F: Students will get computer software, but will be raising tuition. The governor sent a letter to the President Stokes for the employees to get 4% raise. Doug Brown wanted to have a 2% increase and eliminate the tuition increase for two years. In the end a 3% raise was given and they will go to the governor for the extra 1%.
- Kate O’Neil: Kevin and Steve visited Kate O’Neil in Santa Fe. She would like to have at least two meetings a year. She wants to hear from the Retirees Association and wants to help give a voice to the Association.
- Annual Meeting: Steve would like to ask all of the chairs of the committees to write a summary of their committees and possibly a bigger scale for the meeting. Jerry will look at the menu, and send to Guin. Guin will double check about the $45 delivery charge if it was per person or just a delivery fee.
- Schedule Strategic Plan Day: Jerry offered to hold in at her house, and only a few members will go. Bev would like the old and the new board members to be there.
- President’s Party: Steve will send a thank you note.
- Grand Challenge: Steve was invited to be part of the Education committee. One of the focuses is “Successful Aging”.

Bylaws Report:
- 3.2 section of the Bylaws was given a suggested changes because it was a much cluttered sentence. Various subsections in section 4 received suggestions for change.
It is suggested to have a nominating committee. Bev will make the appropriate changes and send to Guin to be sent out to the list serv. Vote to submit the change of the bylaws to the membership: Dub and Bev seconded.

Program Report:
- Only 9 people showed up to the Botanical Gardens. Joyce would like to not do a meeting in May because of the of the Annual meeting. Joyce will work on the History Museum for June, and will try to do the picnic at the zoo in September.

Treasurer’s Report:
- The only difference is when Jerry will pay Dan, so there will be a drop by the end of April. We should remove the two year and four year due membership. There is talk about changing the dues for the lifetime dues.

Membership/Communication Report:
- Mike: Kevin, Jerry and White have met with Duane Aruti, and it was a good meeting. Kevin has already met with someone from UCAM, upon Duane’s recommendation, and will meet with some others before our next meeting. We’ll be in better position than to fit the Communication and Membership committees together.
- Kevin: We met with Duane Arruti and he’s helping us set up a meeting with Matt Carter and others at UCAM to redo the website. I’ll post the annual meeting announcement and flyer on the landing page of the website as soon as it’s finalized.

Benefits & FSBC Report:
- It is important that the President and the regents know about the benefits. The goal about the history of VEBA was talked about and how VEBA is now. It was discussed about the potential ways VEBA could be distributed. Bev spoke about doing a cost/benefits study to see if it was a benefit to the university to have people come off and on benefit plans.

Legislative Report:
- The meeting for the stakeholders was good, and that Jan talked about what was going to happen for the budget session. She was fired up about the equity issue between PERA and the ERB. Dub believes it is time to meet with Jan and learn about what happened and what our strategy needs to be. The next stakeholder ERB meeting in May will be on a Wednesday, and Dub will be sure to attend that meeting.

Survey Report:
- No Report Given

Scholarship Planning:
- No Report Given

New Business:
- No Report Given

Others:
- No Report Given
Adjournment:
3:56 pm
INTERNAL:

- News U Can Use newsroom.unm.edu
  - Subscribe to NewsMinute
  - Submit news tips
- Be an expert
- Create a blog
- Social media
  - Tag UNM or a particular department

EXTERNAL:

- Op Eds
- Volunteer
  - Take photos

UCAM:

- Workshops, like social media
- Promote events and accomplishments