



**RETIREES ASSOCIATION**  
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

**ETSU Retirees Association Board Meeting**

**Minutes DRAFT**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom by Norma Hogan, Secretary, in Fred Tudiver's absence. Members present were Jack Rhoton, Cynthia Burnley, Norma Hogan, Bonny Stanley, Priscilla Ramsey, David Kalwinsky, Chung Ho, and Tisha Harrison.

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 31, 2022 meeting were approved with correction that Norma would chair the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and that Fred will be able to chair the meetings on October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee/Program Committee** (Fred Tudiver, Don Gotterbarn, Norma Hogan, Scott Champney): Norma Hogan reported.

The board discussed our need for new board members to replace the folks rotating off. Fred put an invitation in the September newsletter for volunteers.

- Members rotating off are Gail Burlison, Jack Rhoton, and Jeff Wardeska.
- Fred Tudiver will continue as Past President.
- We will check with Susan Burkey to see if she wishes to be replaced. She may have had problems with technology.
- Suggestions for new members included Marie Tedesco and Judy Slagle. Tedesco has agreed to serve. Jack Rhoton will contact a retired faculty member from Nursing who has been active with our Second Harvest effort, and Bonny Stanley will contact Slagle.
- Priscilla Ramsey will continue as our Liaison to Faculty Senate.
- David Kalwinsky will continue as our volunteer to help with communication.
- Jack Rhoton agreed to continue as our liaison to Second Harvest and help us continue our involvement.

The board agreed that we need to update our by-laws. Some issues that were mentioned included the need to update sections on meetings and voting to include the use of digital/electronic methods, as appropriate, the nature/identity of the President's Representative, the attendance requirement, and the role of the Faculty Senate Liaison. Next year, a committee of the board, chaired by (future) Past President Fred Tudiver will review the by-laws and submit recommendations for changes/additions to the board; committee members will be David

Kalwinsky and Priscilla Ramsey.

- Tisha distributed the September newsletter to the membership on Wednesday, 9/21. The next newsletter will be December. We need articles for the newsletters. Possible topics include our recent Eat and Chat, the November luncheon, homecoming (Priscilla will get some photos), new board members; other suggestions welcome.
- Discussion of the schedule of events and questions
  - Do we want to continue meeting virtually or have some/all meetings face to face? Some members favored f2f; some preferred virtual. We probably will have a mix of the two. One suggestion was to meet 30 minutes before or after our November luncheon. Maybe a mix, depending on season/weather.
  - September 30: Eat and Chat: [Tisha attached the flyer to her previous email and put a notice in the September newsletter.] The session was 11:30 to 1:00 in 360 Culp Center. Joy Fulkerson and Ramsey McGowen presented information about the League of Women Voters.
  - October 25 – Board Meeting: Fred will be able to chair this meeting. Note that the time has changed to 1:30 pm.
  - November 10 – Annual Meeting – Johnson City Country Club – Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Provost as speaker; Dr. Noland to introduce her if he is able to attend. Tisha will send a flier and email immediately. If people indicate they are coming, they can pay at the door. Kalwinsky will ask attendees to update their email address.
  - November 29 – Board Meeting: Fred will chair this meeting. Note that the time has changed to 1:30 p.m.

**Membership/Communication Committees:** Cynthia Burnley reported.

No new members and no August retirees.

**Finance Committee** – Charles Moore, Chair and Treasurer, was absent..

- The fund balances were attached to the agenda: Retirees Assoc. - \$6,905.22; Life Membership - \$26,787.38; Scholarship Endowment - \$272,328.34 and Endowment Operating - \$19,121.83.

**University/ Community Service Committee** – Charles Moore, Jack Rhoton: Jack Rhoton reported.

- Rhoton reported that we had a fairly decent turnout at the last work session for Second Harvest.

**Liaison Committee** – Priscilla Ramsey reported.

New President of Faculty Senate is Blackhart from Psychology. Guest speakers have included new Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence; this center will address one of the President's initiatives--to improve student retention and graduation. New Dean of Library, David Atkins, is starting a Library Faculty Council to address the increasing costs of library materials and resources; new Associate Dean Blair Jones also has ideas about use of library space. President Nolan has addressed Faculty Senate: 57% of current budget is from tuition and 35% from the state. Enrollment is up 250 students for a total of 2056 freshmen, and 100 students are being housed in the Carnegie Hotel until space opens up. The budget is balanced and we have \$13 million in reserves. Lamb Hall renovations are on time and on budget. Faculty are expected to move back in spring 2023. University Center will be replaced by a new Academic and Humanities Building. Then design work will begin on Brown Hall, and, after that, Wilson-Wallis will either be renovated or replaced with a new building for the engineering department. Community college tuition is now free. A current issue is students (or their parents) paying for housing but all of their courses are online. Survey showed that 72% of courses are on ground and 28% online. Provost McCorkle has initiated a review and reform of General Education.

**Other Business and Miscellaneous:**

Our next meeting will be October 25 at 1:30 p.m. by Zoom.

There being no further business, Norma adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

--Norma Hogan, Recording Secretary