

EMERITI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 4, 2017

President Doug Haneline called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Doug Haneline, Jim Jacobs, Barb Johnson, Jerena Keys, Bob Krueger, Walt Luecke, MaryKay MacIver, Jeffrey Nagelbush, and Jane Pole  
Guest Present: Scott Cohen, Piram Prakasam, Brenda Vasicek

November minutes were approved as written (motion by Walt Luecke, seconded by Bob Krueger).

Guests Piram Prakasam, Director of the Office of International Education, and Scott Cohen, Chair of the Humanities Department, discussed a proposal for a travel-based international summer program for adults. The trips would be led by a Ferris expert in the area and would be as cost-effective as possible. They are exploring the possibility of a summer trip to Spain in 2018, led by Dr. Cohen and Carrie Stermer, Director of the Art Gallery.

President's Report: President Haneline talked with Debra Rockman, retiring professor at Kendall. She would like to get an office at Kendall as an emeriti. There are offices available at Kendall. The president of Kendall has made no decision. The Board discussed if we should talk to Paul Blake about this request.

Treasurer's Report: The Emeriti Association has a current balance of \$3,312.79. The Ferris Emeriti Association Scholarship Endowment currently has \$45,814.

University Advancement Liaison Report: MaryKay MacIver reported that our first-ever comprehensive campaign, Now and Always was publicly launched on November 9 on the Big Rapids campus, and on November 10 at the Ferris Foundation Benefit. The campaign has 3 priorities:

- Investing in Students
- Program Expansion and Innovation
- Building Partnerships

More than 60 million of the \$80 million goal has already been raised.

Alumni Association Events:

[The President's Holiday Party will be held on December 5 at the Woodbridge N. Ferris Building and on December 7 and at the University Center.](#) Both receptions are from 4 to 7 pm. All Emeriti are invited to attend. No RSVP is required.

The Sarasota Luncheon will be held on January 27 at the TPC in Sarasota beginning at 11:30 am. The cost is \$25 per person. RSVP online at [ferris.edu/alumni](http://ferris.edu/alumni). The registration is online for the Tucson event on February 8 at [ferris.edu/alumni](http://ferris.edu/alumni), as well as the Scottsdale Topgolf event on February 10.

Publicity: MaryKay sent a notice of this meeting through University Wide Notices. A Facebook posting announcing this meeting was also made.

Social: Walt Luecke reported that 45 reservations have been received for the Winter Dinner on December 5. The Soup talk will be on February 7, 2018.

Membership: No report

Service: A card was sent to the family of Alex Pomnichowski.

Professional Concerns: No report

Helen's Garden: MaryKay reminded Physical Plant that Helen's Garden needs to be included in the spring annual order. Last year, they forgot us.

Florida and Arizona Liaisons: The Florida get-togethers will be once a month on Wednesdays through April at Mattison's 41 restaurant in Sarasota. President Eisler is scheduled to be there in January. The Arizona get-together will be on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Tuscan at 1. President Eisler and Dean of Business will be there.

Newsletter: No report

Social Media: MaryKay reported that several posts were made on our Facebook page this month regarding the campaign, a Thanksgiving greeting and information regarding events.

Old Business: Jerena Keys reported that, so far, emeriti have contributed \$4595 to the United Way.

New Business: None

Adjournment: 11:19 a.m. (moved by Barb Johnson, seconded by Jim Jacobs).

Jeffrey Nagelbush, Secretary

January 8- Emeriti Board Meeting  
February 5- Emeriti Board Meeting  
February 7- Soup Talk