

BOARD MEETING MINUTES (In person and on Zoom)
April 3, 2023

Treasurer Randy Vance called the meeting to order on Zoom at 10:03 a.m.

Members Present: Doug Haneline, Jim Jacobs, Jerena Keys, MaryKay MacIver, Jeffrey Nagelbush, Jane Pole, and Randy Vance
Guest: Chuck Drake

February minutes were approved as written (motion by Jeffrey Nagelbush, seconded by Doug Haneline).

President's Report: For the past several years, the FSUEA has received programmatic funding from the President's office. Prior to this University support, funding for our association programs was derived from donations by our members. Circa 2016, President Eisler decided that we should have a space to conduct our business. We were given PRK 114 and over \$8,000 to bring it up to speed (furnishings, computer/printing capabilities, etc.). The Physical Plant completed the work but the bill was sent to and paid for by the President, so we ended with over \$8,000 in our account, and we were told to keep it. At about the same time, we, as an Association, emphasized to our members that they should donate to the Endowment instead of to our programmatic needs. Since then, we have received money, every year in the fall semester, from the President's office to continue our programming. With the change-over in administration at the top, our funding was, presumably inadvertently, not renewed this past fall (2022). MaryKay MacIver, Randy Vance and I (as FSUEA University Liaison, Treasurer, and President, respectfully) met with Kathy Mullins, the new VP for UA&M on March 20, 2023, to discuss on-going programmatic funding. We presented her with facts that illustrate the value of this funding. The facts include the following data:

Emeriti Aggregate Giving to the University:

FY 2020	\$374,192.58
FY 2021	\$209,294.49
FY 2022	\$553,016.41 (large planned gift included)
FY 2023 (year to date)	\$187,701.44

Emeriti Named Endowments 67

FSU United Way Donations FSUEA accounts historically for about 20% of total donations

FSUEA Endowment:

Book Value	>=\$170,000
Market Value	>=\$212,000

We asked her to suggest to President Pink that he give us \$5,000/year to fund our programming needs for the foreseeable future. Giving us programmatic funding is akin to priming the pump in the old (1950's) Kingston Trio song – *“Desert Pete.” You’ve got to prime the pump, you must have faith and believe....”* Giving us programmatic funding is like water in the *“bitters jar”* compared to what will come *“bubblin’ and splashin’ up outta that hole in the ground...”* (Google it!!! The FSUEA is the pump, i.e. the hole in the ground).

Treasurer’s Report: Our operating balance is \$2,579.86. The endowment has a current book value of \$178,457.00. The endowment has a market value as of December 31, 2022 of \$212,086.90 Our current scholarship balance is \$764. We will have \$7784 to award. We should have enough to award 5 scholarships of \$1400 each. Jim Jacobs moved that we accept the treasurer’s report. Jane Pole seconded the motion and it passed.

UA&M Liaison Report: MaryKay MacIver reported the following:

Events:

One Day for Dawgs, Ferris’ annual day of giving, will be held on April 12. Members will have an opportunity to choose between 70 different causes to support. More information at <https://www.ferris.edu/giving/oneday/>

- Alumni Golf Outing, May 12 at the Clio Country Club in Clio, Michigan. \$200 per person includes 18 holes of golf, practice range, brunch and dinner, tournament apparel, gifts and prizes. Hurry – this event always sells out! More information at <https://www.ferris.edu/alumni/homepage.htm>
- Ferris State Day at the Tigers, June 25, 2023, 1:40 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and include admission to the game, a branded FSU/Detroit Tigers baseball cap and access to the Blue Moon Brewhouse from noon to gametime including complementary snacks and beverages. Register at <https://www.ferris.edu/alumni/homepage.htm>
- Save the Date – the Ferris Foundation Benefit will be held on November 10 at the J.W. Marriott in downtown Grand Rapids. Stay tuned for more information.

Inside UA&M:

Jeremy Mishler’s title has changed from AVP for External Relations to AVP for Marketing and Communications.

- The Alumni Office is now housed under The Ferris Foundation.
- Allison Doss has joined UA&M as an advancement officer.

Publicity: The meeting was publicized on University-Wide Notices and through Facebook.

Events: A discussion was had as to what to replace the soup talk with. One possibility is an April get-together, including new emeriti, that would be separate from the spring luncheon. More discussion is needed.

The annual picnic will be held August 9th at North End Park.

Membership: The following faculty and staff received Emeriti status at the December 16th Board of Trustees meeting:

Kim Colvert, Professor, College of Arts science, and Education – Physical Sciences, August 14, 2023

Nancy Moore – Administrative Secretary to the Dean, College of Engineering Technology – Dean’s Office, January 20, 2023

Kelly Seitter – Professor, College of Engineering Technology – Construction, May 8, 2023

Dale Skornia – Associate Professor, College of Arts, Sciences, and Education – Music, January 3, 2023

Service: Cards were sent to the families of Fran Allegretto, Joan Hudson, Nolan Hudson’s wife, and Janice Galloway, Joel Galloway’s wife.

Fundraising: To clear up some misconceptions, Bob Carter reported that the holiday Bucket campaign resulted in \$16,800 being added to the endowment while the total (donations plus match) for the entire year (2022) was \$20,500.

Bob Carter continues to send out personalized “thank you” notes to all who donate \$100 or more to our endowment. He recently sent out a “thank you” note to a member who recently donated \$500 to our endowment. People can donate throughout the year and receive the *Ferris Futures* match until it expires on December 31, 2024.

Helen’s Garden: MaryKay has reached out to the grounds staff to request new tools. All of the tools that we had at the garden were stolen last fall. I also requested a meeting regarding the rose bed. Sigma Pi has been contacted for assistance.

Florida and Arizona Liaisons: No report

Newsletter: Randy Vance reported that the next newsletter will be in August with a July 15th deadline for submissions.

Social Media: MaryKay continues to post relevant information. We have 192 followers, an increase of 1 since the last meeting.

Old Business: Emeriti have made 49 donations to the United Way.

New Business: The following emeriti have been nominated for FSUEA Board membership:
Bob Carter, Doug Haneline, Jim Jacobs, Jane Pole, George Nagel, Tom Kirnovic, and
Chuck Drake. Jeffrey Nagelbush moved to accept the slate of nominations. Randy Vance
seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjournment: At 10:52 am., moved by Jane Pole, seconded by Jim Jacobs and passed.

Jeffrey Nagelbush, Secretary
June 5, 2023- Board Meeting