

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting February 27, 2020 Minutes
Alumni Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium**

I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on February 27, 2020 by President Dan Sheffer at 10:01am.

II. Welcome & Announcements:

Dan requested a motion to adjust the agenda. Tom Nichols so moved. Rita seconded. Motion passed. Moving faculty senate report to first committee report.

Present.: Jo Ann Collier, Cathy Edwards,.Bob Gandee, Ali Hajjafar, John Heminger, Rita Klein, Ed Lasher, Carl Lieberman, Laura Moss Spitler, Tom Nichols, Neal Raber, Dan Sheffer, Linda Sugarman, Mel Vye, Martha Vye, Diane Vukovich, and Tom Vukovich. Excused: Bob Blankenship, Pam Rupert

III. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting were approved as amended with correction to spelling of Bob Gandee’s name.

IV. Treasurer’s Report. The treasurer’s report for January 2020 was accepted as given by John Heminger who reported income was from dues; expenses were for printing and committed \$800 to bus trip. Ed Lasher moved to approve, seconded, approved.

January 2019	AUAR Account		Petty Cash		Total Funds
Initial Balance	10,554.51		245.51		10,800.02
Income	36.00		0		36.00
Expenses	1,431.96		0		1,431.96
Final Balance	9,158.55**		245.51		9,404.06**
January 2018 Final Balance	8,284.25*		292.04		8,576.25*

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V. Corresponding Secretary. Linda Sugarman no report.

VI. Committee Reports.

E. Faculty Senate. Ali Hajjafar reported on the Senate Meeting Feb. 6, 2020: Chair Saliga called the meeting to order. In her remarks she reported that the administration has decided that the Five Star Friday initiative did not work and that the University would be returning to scheduling classes five days a week. She elaborated on problems with both methods. She said some faculty members are opposed to this change, especially College of Engineering has asked APC to look at this. She said the Senate would look at this in the new business at the end of the meeting.

Executive Committee reported that they met six times since last regular meeting, including meetings with President Miller, Interim Provost Urgo, CDO Ramsier, and Associate Provost Janet Bean. Topics discussed included: Organizational structure of the office of Academic Affairs, Summer courses, enrollment

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modeling as well as new strategies for enrollment and retention, Dean searches, open committees and possible appointees, transparency, program review and its relationship with external accreditation reviews, projection for growth areas, changes to scholarship programs, and financial constraints and opportunities,

President Miller and Interim Provost Urgo were in Florida and were not present in the meeting. Chair of the Senate had invited the Chair of the BOT to address the members.

Chair Gingo in his remarks, mentioned that the BOT are very pleased with what they have seen from President Miller so far. He said Miller is learning about community and the faculty. He made two requests from faculty. One was active participation in strategic planning. He said this has to be a faculty lead program. He said if you sit on the sideline and don't like the result, then you can't complain. He said the university has debt problem. We have to decide together how to pay those debts. His second request was about recruitment. He said no one can turn this place around without revenue. He said it is discouraging when I hear a faculty member has talked negatively in the community about the University. Without the student coming through the door there is no need for a university. Without a good sales force we don't have a chance.

In committee reports, CRC brought a motion to the floor for approving new course proposals, which was passed. CCTC brought a motion requesting a one-year extension for WebEx contract and got approved. AAUP representative reported an on going productive and cordial negotiation with administration. The Graduate Council representative reported of discussions in the committee regarding graduate student retention and recruitment. Also regarding introducing as a pilot an accelerated pathway, given immediate loss of revenue. He added that the committee is discussing a graduate student leave of absence policy.

GSG representative reported of activities and their meeting with President Miller and Interim Provost Urgo.

USG representative gave a power point presentation regarding the structure of the USG and how it works. In New Business, EC presented a new scheduling grid. A motion postponed its consideration indefinitely. Another motion was entertained that the department chairs discuss this issue with faculty and convey to the Deans.

A. Programs Tom and Diane reported:

- Flyer distributed for March 11 luncheon. Tom and Diane will bring boxes for food collection. Food will be taken to Simmon's hall.
- Tom recommended signing up for the University's email digest. Email digest@uakron.edu and request to be put on email digest list
- Working on agenda for next year
- Lobster & Suds is coming up May 15
- Diane distributed information on the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee
- Parking permits run out in June, Tom will put together an announcement for membership reminding them to get their new permit

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B. Membership. Mel Vye reported:

Membership as of January 2020	
New (comp)	37
Active (paid)	445
Inactive (unpaid)	22
Total on Books	504
\$50 donation to scholarships	

C. Political Action. Bob Gandee indicated no report; OCHER meets March, May, September and November.

D. Benefits. Linda Sugarman: no report.

E. Faculty Senate. See earlier in agenda.

F. University & Community Service/Website. Dan reported site is up to date.

G. Scholarship. Carl Lieberman: no report.

H. Newsletter. Martha Vye reported she received four obituaries. Committee affirmed we put all retiree obituaries in newsletter regardless of membership.

VII. Old Business. Nomination committee reported: See submitted report below. Ed suggested that something be put in the next newsletter to notify AUAR if you want to be active either on the board or at an event.

VIII. New Business. Dan distributed DRAFT of AUAR Member Survey and requested board members review and provide feedback. Tom indicated that after last luncheon, a member called with a concern about the parking. This happens because of another meeting going on that overlaps with ours. Can we move our date either to Thursday or to a different week. Tom will call and find out what is available.

Diane inquired as to having a scholarship fundraiser. Committee. Committee members should send their ideas to Diane and Tom. Last one was a wine tasting.

IX. Adjournment at 11:03 am by President Dan Sheffer.

**Respectfully submitted:
Cathy Edwards, Recording Secretary**

**Next meeting will be March 26, 2020
Alumni Conference Room, InfoCision Stadium 10:00am**

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The Association of The University of Akron Retirees
2020 Nominations Committee Report to The Board

The Nominations Committee recommends the following slate of candidates to serve as officers or representatives of the Association of The University of Akron Retirees, beginning July 1, 2020.

Vice President: Cathy Edwards
Treasurer: John Heminger
Recording Secretary: Jo Ann Colier
Corresponding Secretary: Linda Sugarman
Public Relations Officer: Martha Vye

Members at Large of the Executive Board: (3 to be elected)

Dick Steiner
TBD
TBD

Faculty Senate Representatives (2 to be elected)

Robert Gandee
Ali Hajjafar

Keep in mind that nominations for any elected office may also be made by petition of **two or more** dues paying members of the Association, which shall be submitted to the Nominations Committee. Additional nominations must be mailed **with signatures and phone numbers of both members making these nominations and signature and phone number of the candidate** to the Nominations Committee Chair by the deadline date.

Edward Lasher
