

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting June 22, 2023 Minutes
Held in person and Zoom**

I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on June 22, 2023 by President Rita Klein at 10:00 am.

II. Welcome & Announcements:

Members attending: Rita Klein, Carl Lieberman, Tom Nichols, Bob Gandee, Dan Sheffer, Laura Moss Spitler, Dick Steiner, Harvey Sterns (Zoom), Linda Sugarman, Mary Verstraete, Martha Vye, Mel Vye, Connie Heldenfels, Mary Schadle, Diane Vukovich, Ali Hajafar, John Heminger, Richard Milford
Absent: Tom Vukovich, Cathy Edwards

Rita welcomed Richard Milford as a new MAL for the 2023-2024 year.

Harvey thanked Rita for all of her hard work during the past two years as President.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Changes: John Heminger was present. Jennifer Harpam, Director of Student Financial Aid's name was misspelled. Minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. Treasurer's Report. John Heminger reported that due to a change in personnel, he did not receive a report for the UA account. Dan mentioned that he spoke to HR and that the difficulty in getting permission to send reports may be due to the change from Peoplesoft to Workday.

May 2023

UA Account: report not available

Petty Cash income: Lobster & Suds proceeds \$40.00

Petty Cash expenses: \$0.00

	UA Account	Petty Cash	Totals
Initial balance	\$10,540.33*	\$195.38	\$10,735.71*
Income	NA	\$40.00	NA
Expenses	NA	\$0.00	NA
Final balance	NA	\$235.38	NA
Final Balance			
May 2022	\$8,310.91	\$277.04	\$8,587.95

* These include dues payments of approximately \$4104 for future years.

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V. Corresponding Secretary. Linda Sugarman reported that she sent a Birthday card to June Burton, June had also had a pacemaker implanted, a congratulations on your new home to Diana and Gerhard Kunze and a Get Well card to Bill Beyer.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. Programs: Diane Vukovich reported that All of the information on Programs had been discussed and is included in the previous minutes (and on the website). She and Tom are still looking for ideas for the December holiday luncheon.

B. Membership. Chair Mel Vye reported that he met with Claudia Caberlin and they have developed and new, more professional looking, brochure for AUAR which includes a perforated section with the membership form and a QR code that , when scanned, will take readers to the web site. He also mentioned that members can write a single check for membership and scholarship donations and that credit cards will be accepted and Development will pay for the credit card fees.

It was suggested that a “button” be placed on the top of the website that you can click on to “JOIN”.

Renewal letters for P23 will be sent via e-mail.

P22 and will be sent another letter, including a brochure and a SASE via mail.

New retirees will be sent a letter, including a brochure and a SASE via mail.

C. Political Action. Bob Gandee reported that SB 83 passed the Senate and was sent on as HB 151 and is still in committee.

D. Benefits. Linda Sugarman had no report.

E. Faculty Senate. No meeting was held to report on

F. University & Community Service/Website. Dan reported that the meeting schedule for Fall 2023 is now on the web page. The “Join/Renew” button has been added to the p[age as well.

G. Scholarship. Mary Schadle reported that Jennifer Harpam will award 3 \$2000 scholarships in various colleges and degree programs as requested by the AUAR Board.

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H. Newsletter. Martha Vye reported that the newsletter info has been sent to Tony and she needs Harvey's "Message form the President" and information about membership and the QR code for the web page by August 15th

VII. Old Business.

- i. Harvey made a motion that \$10 gift cards to Starbucks be sent to "campus Helpers" rather than having a luncheon after the start of the school year. Diane seconded. Motion passed.
- ii. Dan made a motion that the President forms an Ad Hoc Reference Committee to review the By-Laws to determine whether we should have a VP versus a President-Elect, currently a 6 year commitment. Mel seconded. Motion passed

VIII. New Business.

Dan presented a Card and gift card to Rita in thanks for her service as President-Elect and President for the past 4 years.

Harvey reported that Rita had given him a box of files for his upcoming service as President and Rita presented Harvey, virtually, a new gavel to replace the rubber mallet.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Verstraete, Recording Secretary

The first next meeting of the 2023-2024 year is scheduled for August 24, 2023 at 10:00 am in-person at the Infocision Board Room

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Faculty Senate Meeting May 4, 2023

Chair Budd call the meeting to order. In her remark, she welcomed senators to the last Senate meeting of the academic year. She thanked APC members who have revised the transfer credit evaluation proposal to address the concerns raised at the April meeting. She said during committee reports APC will bring a proposal to move the Math department to the College of Engineering and Polymer Sciences. She mentioned that faculty in both Math and Engineering have voted to approve the move. Finally, she thanked everyone for their work this year, especially those whose terms are ending. She thanked committee chairs who have worked hard to keep the business of the Senate running smoothly. On behalf of EC, she invited everyone to Thirsty Dog Taproom directly after the meeting for a drink. EC brought a resolution to endorse the faculty congress of Ohio resolution regarding Senate Bill 83. The motion passed without dissent.

Election of EC officers resulted Budd for Chair and Cole for Vice Chair.

President Miller in his remark mentioned of 5 commencement ceremonies and hoped Senators can attend at least one. He acknowledged some of the items related to the University's mission, including a spike of housing as well as student activities, putting right leadership in place to begin to stabilize enrollment and stop the decline. He said HLC accreditation came through with great response, especially complements on our work in improving shared governance. He mentioned of receiving number one ranking in Polymer and number two in Esports. He said we have reengaged with our alumni, increased our connection and offered more opportunities for students and for gifts. He said we have completed recruitment of deans for all 5 colleges. He talked about new partnership with community in art, new academic building coming online, state funded building and should open before the Fall. He said we have brought back U of A magazine, next issue in the fall will be all about students.

Provost Wiencek in his remark repeated the importance of credit transfer proposal and encouraged Senators' support. He then thanked the Academic Investment Committee and the deans as a leadership team for handling the budget process. He said enrollment is solid, won't know true numbers until students show up.

There is a rebound in international student population. He said scholarships are one area we are working on. He talked about new format of BOT meeting with the public and vigorous debate. Finally, he mentioned the work on strategic plan and the great job that Provost fellows have done in the areas.

In Committee reports, Graduate Council presented changes to Graduate bylaws and were approved without dissent. APC's proposal for Transfer Credit evaluation was approved. APC's motion for an addition to syllabi regarding use of ChatGPT was approved. APC brought some change to the Williams Homers College Curriculum and was approved. APC's motion for Math Department move to the College of Engineering and Polymer Sciences was approved. AIC representative reported that the report of final budget recommendation is sent to the Provost. CCTC presented a written report. CRC brought 15 program and 25 course proposals for

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approval and they all got approval. AAUP representative said they had good year working on MOU, second day in the life with trustee Meyer, and working with Ohio Conference in developing SB 83 testimony. GSG representative reported the election results. The new USG president introduced himself. UC submitted a written report.