

The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting September 21, 2022Minutes
Held in person and Zoom

I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on September 21, 2022by President Rita Klein at 10:03 am.

II. Welcome & Announcements:

Members attending: Jo Ann Collier, Ali Hajjifar, Connie Heldenfels, John Heminger, Rita Klein, Dan Sheffer, Linda Sugarman, Mary Verstraete, Martha Vye, Mel Vye, Tom Vukovich (Carl Leiberman on Zoom)

Absent: Cathy Edwards, Robert Gandee, Ali Hajjafar, Tom Nichols, Mary Schadle, Laura Spitler, Dick Steiner, Harvey Sterns, Diane Vukovich, Richard Steiner

Absent Without Notice: Bob Gandee

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 25, 2022 Executive Board meeting were corrected as follows:

V. George Makar's Family

VI. F. ...requests **that** all Board...

VI.G. Any direct donations go directly into our scholarship account.

VI.G. One additional person is **needed** for the scholarship committee

VIII. Kelly McIntire is taking over for **Allie** Schwartz...

The board approved the minutes as corrected.

IV. Treasurer's Report. John Heminger reported:

July 2022

UA Account income: membership dues \$3768.00

UA Account expenses: \$0.00

Petty Cash income: \$0.00

Petty Cash expenses: \$0.00

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	UA Account	Petty Cash	Totals
Initial balance	\$8,277.99	\$332.04	\$8,610.03
Income	\$3,768.00	\$0.00	\$3,768.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Final balance	\$12,045.99*	\$332.04	\$12,378.03*
Final Balance			
July 2021	\$10,272.30	\$79.40	\$10,351.70

* These include dues payments for future years.

The Board asked John Heminger to identify how many life memberships are included in the Income. John was also asked to order the check for the student who won the book scholarship at the Black, Brown and Beyond Male Summit.

V. Corresponding Secretary. Linda Sugarman sent condolences to the families of Ken Hoedt of Counseling Ed and Joeseeph Gregor of Physical Facilities.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. Programs: Chair Tom Vukovich reported that Mayor Horrigan will speak at the November meeting and Christine Curry will speak at the October meeting.

The Board asked how many no-shows occurred at the last meeting and Tom reported that there were 3, but they were all program-only reservations.

The Board discussed the confusion in who is sending out the luncheon notices to the listserv. Notices were received from Dan Sheffer and Allie sent out two. This sparked a conversation on the need to get the membership lists and the listserv to link up.

It was noted the Cathy DeBose would be willing to come onto the Board next year.

Tom reported that he had found a group that might be interested in performing at the December holiday lunch, a barbershop group called "The Keyed Up Quartet". The group is asking for \$250 to appear. After some discussion, the Board agreed to offer them \$200 and see what happens.

Ellen Perduyn suggested asking Dr. Steve McKellips, the new VP for Enrollment, to be a luncheon speaker next year.

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B. Membership: Mel Vye reported that 26 members have paid for Life Memberships, bringing the total to 129. This would be in addition to all the free members who retired during this year. 143 members paid thru 2022. Mel mentioned that communications with Kelly was improving with respect to members.

C. Political Action. Dan Sheffer reported that Jerry Newsome had authored an article regarding STRS published in the Columbus Dispatch and he also sent out a 10 page report that Dan will share with the Board. The next OCHER meeting will be on 9/27 in Columbus.

D. Benefits. Linda Sugarman had no report.

E. Faculty Senate. Ali Hajjifar and Harvey Sterns were both absent. Ali submitted his report on the Senate Meeting on September 1, 2022 via e-mail and it is attached to the end of these minutes.

F. University & Community Service/Website. Dan Sheffer has had difficulties getting things posted to the web site including, but not limited to , meeting minutes, the newsletter and the membership form. Dan will talk to Matt Williams to see how this can be fixed.

G. Scholarship. Rita will remind Mary Schadle to invite the scholarship winner to a future luncheon. She also noted that Connie Heldenfels has agreed to serve on the Scholarship Committee.

The Board discussed the potential of raising additional money for scholarships via a fundraiser. The Board agreed that a fundraising drive might be the easiest and most successful way to raise funds. This would be a letter to members with an ask for donations and would include some quotes from students who have received our scholarships in the past.

The Board also wondered how many members send in a donation with their membership form.

H. Newsletter. Martha Vye, Newsletter Editor, confirmed that the newsletter has been mailed out. She indicated that Tony had been very helpful in the process. A suggestion was made that Tony move the Obits section to the end of the newsletter in the future.

VII. Old Business. None

VIII. New Business. A General Member meeting will be held at the next lunch.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.

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**Respectfully submitted:
Mary Verstraete, Recording Secretary**

**The next meeting of the 2022-2023 year is scheduled for October 27,
2022 at 10:00 am in-person at the Infocision Board Room**

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Faculty Senate Meeting September 1, 2022

Chair Budd called the meeting to order. In her remark, she welcomed everybody to the 2022-23 academic year and extended a warm welcome to all newly elected and re-elected senators. She reported that Chair of B.O.T Gingo will continue to meet with the Senate Executive Committee. She mentioned that during the meeting, election must be conducted for Senate open positions. She talked about Senate informal meetings with members of administration and asked senators to mark their calendars for the first one with Dr. Stephen McKellips, vice-Provost for Enrollment Management. She said the administration is working hard to include the faculty and staff perspective in the governance of the University. She asked the Senate to ratify the actions taken by EC during the summer. She said the Provost has suggested a plan that would streamline the Academic Investment Committee's process while giving faculty a voice in budget and academic investment, the senate EC and Akron-AAUP will refine the process. She reminded the faculty that students may still be experiencing pandemic-related difficulties and the difference that early interaction can make. She said the administration and staff have worked hard to recruit the best students and talked about importance of their retention and said let's all remember that every interaction with our new and returning students is an opportunity to let them know that we want them here and we believe in their success and that they belong to the University of Akron. Finally, she asked the Faculty to take some time for themselves when they need to and explained the importance of taking time to recharge.

Executive Committee reported that during the summer, they approved or recommended assignments for Senate Committees, ratified the election results from colleges, approved the list of summer graduates, continued to formalize and operationalize section B of MOU on shared governance in preparation for the launch of the Academic Investment Committee this year, discussed the graduate admission process, and the transfer credit process. EC and administration discussed the partnership with Coursera, met with the Provost and the Vice- Provost to discuss enrollment and how faculty can involve. The EC met with Chair Gingo, the President and the Provost for a wide-ranging discussion on the state of the University and the future opportunities. The Senate ratified the EC action over the summer.

President Miller in his remark welcomed everybody back. He praised Paul Levy for doing a fantastic job. He talked about retreat of leadership group that was focused on collaboration and work of the University and on the events of the summer in the city. He mentioned the \$5 million endowment gift from B.O.T Chair Gingo. He talked about the HLC visit which the Provost is working on, looked forward to senator's comments on the report. He said the Knight Foundation will also be on campus. He finally said he is excited about the coming year working together. We can work on enrollment and turn it around. Provost Wiencek in his remark said we met the goals we set for ourselves and we had a good influx of international students. He said overall enrollment is down with a slight increase of Freshmen. He said Steve McKellips joined us 100 days ago, he has a deep knowledge about enrollment and the role faculty plays. He said to be open to

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some change in how we do things. Regarding Academic Investment Committee and the plan that FS has thrown at the President and Provost, he said it is out of the mainline process. Dallas has done a lot to make it more and more clear, so what I've been throwing out and what the EC is supportive of is to have FS weigh in on budget decisions as they are being made and have some influence on those decisions from the start and through the process. He said it should be collaboration between UC, FS, and OAA and Deans, and then CFO and B.O.T. He said we are well prepared for HLC visit in September 12 and 13. He finished his remark by talking about continuation of searches for a few senior leadership open positions. In the questions from the Provost, there were controversies regarding the IDC accounts that were taken away from researchers.

Senate elections were conducted.

In Committee reports, CCTC presented a report regarding replacing Peoplesoft Workday.

AAUP, GSG, USG and the University Council representatives each gave reports.