

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting October 27, 2022 Minutes
Held in person and Zoom**

I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on October 27, 2022 by President Rita Klein at 10:03 am.

II. Welcome & Announcements:

Members attending: Connie Heldenfels, John Heminger, Rita Klein, Dan Sheffer, Linda Sugarman, Mary Verstraete, Martha Vye, Mel Vye, Tom Vukovich, Cathy Edwards, Bob Gandee, Laura Spitler, Harvey Sterns (Ali Hajjafar on phone)
Absent: Jo Ann Collier, Tom Nichols, Mary Schadle, Dick Steiner, Diane Vukovich

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 25, 2022 Executive Board meeting were corrected as follows:
Richard Steiner was moved from absent to “attending” and “without notice was removed.”
The board approved the minutes as corrected.

IV. Treasurer’s Report. John Heminger reported:

August 2022

UA Account income: membership dues \$108.00

UA Account expenses: Print Services Dept. \$2637.90;
OCHER dues \$100.00

Petty Cash income: \$0.00

Petty Cash expenses: to Tom Vukovich for April luncheon speaker \$54.95; to Tom Vukovich for Lobster & Suds expenses \$207.35

	UA Account	Petty Cash	Totals
Initial balance	\$12,045.99*	\$332.04	\$12,378.03*
Income	\$108.00	\$0.00	\$108.00
Expenses	\$2,737.09	\$262.30	\$3,000.20
Final balance	\$9416.09*	\$69.74	\$9485.83*
Final Balance			
August 2021	\$10,584.30	\$79.40	\$10,663.70

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September 2022

UA Account income: membership dues \$528.00; luncheon proceeds \$131.00; UA Foundation ACH \$24.00

UA Account expenses: Aramark Catering \$358.27; book award \$250.00

Petty Cash income: luncheon proceeds \$200.00

Petty Cash expenses: \$0.00

	UA Account	Petty Cash	Totals
Initial balance	\$9,416.09*	\$69.74	\$9485.83*
Income	\$683.00	\$200.00	\$883.00
Expenses	\$608.27	\$0.00	\$608.27
Final balance	\$9490.82*	\$269.74	\$9760.56*
Final Balance			
September 2021	\$9,737.13	\$279.40	\$10,016.53

* These include dues payments for future years.

John Reported that the newsletter cost was almost double what we have paid in years past. Martha Vye stated that she would look into the itemized costs to see how the money was spent so we can determine which costs increased and how we can manage this in the future. The Board discussed the options to switch to email for those we have contact info for and to perhaps charge for those who live outside the immediate area. This will be addressed at future meetings.

V. Corresponding Secretary. Linda Sugarman sent condolences to the wife and family of Ted Mallo as well as Bruce Robertson and his family up[on the death of his wife Robbie Robertson, Also a UA retiree. A Get Well card was sent to Dan Sheffer and a Thinking of You card to Jo Ann Collier who had surgery.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. Programs: Chair Tom Vukovich reported that Mayor Horrigan will speak at the November "Growing Akron for an Age Friendly Future".

- December's meeting will feature the Keyed Up Quartet
- February will be Mel Vye presenting "Cruising Down The Danube"
- March we will hear from Rich Heldenfels

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B. Membership: Mel Vye provided a handout to discuss the membership details. Paid members totaled 146 which includes those with Life memberships plus those paid through FY23 and beyond plus those with a complimentary membership. 'P' indicated Paid and # indicated the year paid through. 'C' indicated Complimentary.

Mel agreed to send Rita the spreadsheet with all P22 and C22, which she will forward to the Board along with the membership form, so everyone can see who has not renewed this year and reach out to those they know.

It was also mentioned the we need to ensure spouses of deceased retirees the they can continue their membership if desired. We also need to reach out to those who have never been paid members to invite them to join.

C. Political Action. Dan Sheffer reported that OCHER met and the Executive Director, Bill Newell of STRS attended. It was suggested that Northeast Ohio Institutions have a meeting to hear about the "State of STRS & OPERS" presented by the executive directors. Perhaps The University of Akron could request funds to host such a meeting.

D. Benefits. Linda Sugarman reported that:

- Open enrollment is here or will soon be for most
- Medicare Open Enrollment ends 12/7
- SERS Open Enrollment dates are 10/1-11/5
- OPERS has a health reimbursement program. Information is sent to eligible OPERS members
- STRS Open Enrollment for medical insurance is 11/1-11/22
- The AETNA Medicare Plan premium will be reduced to \$31 plus a \$600 rebate in December

Linda suggested that STRS members who get their medical coverage through STRS sign up for the online webinar 11/3 or 11/9. The other one is closed. There do not appear to be any significant changes to the STRS medical plan.

E. Faculty Senate. Ali Hajjafar submitted his report on the Senate Meeting on October 6, 2022 via e-mail and it is attached to the end of these minutes. The Board agreed that this was a useful way to read the minutes ahead of the Board meeting and should be continued. It was added that there was an informal meeting with the new Enrollment Manager who discussed the change going to an Open Enrollment model.

F. University & Community Service/Website. No Report

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- G. Scholarship.** Mary Schadle was not present. Rita suggested including a basket raffle at the Soup & Chili Supper.
- H. Newsletter.** No report
- VII. Old Business.** Rita and John indicated that the book scholarship recipient has received their check.
- VIII. New Business.** A reminder that a collection for the Campus Food Pantry would occur at the next lunch.
- IX. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

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

**The next meeting of the 2022-2023 year is scheduled for December 1,
2022 at 10:00 am in-person at the Infocision Board Room**

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Faculty Senate Meeting October 6, 2022

Chair Budd called the meeting to order. In her remark, she said this year the Program Review Committee has done a thorough and thoughtful formative evaluation of Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, and Electrical and Computer Engineering Programs. She also said during their recent visit to campus, HLC visit term commented on the quality of the program review process and reports. She said it is clear that the committee understands and appreciates each program's individual character and circumstances. Using that knowledge to tailor their report rather than applying a one-size-fits-all metric. She encouraged the Senators to read the full report. She talked about the retreat that the Senate had with Vice Provost Stephen McKellips and mentioned the second one will be with the President and Provost on November 30th. The Executive Committee reported that in their meeting with Provost Wiencek, they discussed enrollment, retention, and the positive impact of the college tour on the University's marketing. Provost shared with EC a list of items included in Vice Provost McKellips enrollment plan so that the EC could flag items of importance to faculty. In their meeting with President Miller and the Vice President of Development, they discussed the recent \$20 million gift from the Knight Foundation to reimagine Polsky and the interface between the campus and the city of Akron. They talked about twenty nominations for Vice Provost Bauch's research council and voting for five of them by October 7th. Vice President and Chief of Staff Dr. Paul Levy presented the President's remark. He talked about the Knight Foundation Grant and presented a power point regarding the formation of the Akron Arts Study Group that showed the city and UA have overlapping interest in social justice, diversity, and inclusion, applied research, community engagement, economic development, talent development, health care solutions, poverty solutions, and education solutions. Provost Wiencek was not present so there was no remark from the Provost.

In Committee reports, APC brought a diversity statement for inclusion on all syllabi. There was some controversy on the word "disability" in the statement and some other issues so the statement was sent back to the committee for further revisions. CCTC brought a resolution on the floor asking that the four systems: Brightspace, Qualtrics, Course Leaf CIM, and the system that handles student evaluation of teaching be interfaced with Workday until an evaluation of Workday's capabilities can be completed. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

Program Review Committee presented a report. Akron AAUP representative reported of the next fall event, chapter meeting and working on workload issues. Graduate Council representative reported the most notable is that Dean Busar will allow out of state students who have a BA from an Ohio University, will not have to pay out of state fees. GSG representative reported of a survey for grads to learn issues of concern. USG representative reported on the result of homecoming, first year senator elections, working with groups for Diversity Week and Rethinking Race, and Career Fairs. University Council representative reported on working on committee descriptions and their roles in UC and elections for president and secretary.