

BGSURA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

April 23, 2008

College Park 2, BGSU

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Pietro Badia, Clif Boutelle, Ramona Cormier, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Ted Groat, Harry Hoemann, Park Leathers, Harold Lunde, Janet Parks, Chris Sexton, Elmer Spreitzer, Barbara Keller, Genevieve Stang

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Bennett, Don Bright, Chuck McCaghy, Becky McOmber, Jane Schimpf

President Cormier called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2008, MEETING

Secretary Joan Gordon noted that the words “and submitted to the membership for action” should be inserted under Change of Bylaws section, fourth paragraph, at the end of the second motion. Sexton moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Lunde reported that the Golden Book account now has \$9,226, and the operating account, as of April 22, has \$11,210.96.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Cormier distributed an e-mail reply from Yvonne Stoner, associate director of the University Bookstore, regarding the retirees eligible for the Microsoft \$10 software. Stoner said, “BGSU retired faculty members who have emeritus faculty designation are eligible to purchase the Microsoft Office and Vista software at the University bookstore for \$10. The retired faculty member’s BGSU retiree identification card should have the emeritus designation on it. If it does not indicate emeritus designation, the bookstore has a hard copy listing that is updated through the Office of the Provost. Retired faculty without the emeritus designation and retired staff members are not eligible for the plan.” This designation is because of Microsoft’s contract with the University.

Parks moved that the Faculty Charter and Retirees Handbook be checked for benefits for all retirees. The motion was seconded and approved.

Complete e-mail memo from Stoner filed with these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **ACTIVITIES**—Wally Pretzer is willing to arrange and promote events in retirees’ homes, like the recent book discussion held in a retiree’s home.
- **BYLAWS**—No report.
- **MEMBERSHIP**—No changes in numbers.
- **NEWSLETTER**—Jim Gordon, editor, said the May newsletter is finished so it can be mailed before the postal increase to 42 cents May 12. He would like to have more columns, an occasional editorial, and letters to the editor. He encouraged Board members to write these for the newsletter. Boutelle volunteered to try something.
- **NOMINATING**—Anderson, chair, reported that the committee has completed its work. Proposed slate: For vice president: Ted Groat. For secretary: Diana Shamp. For Board members: Clif Boutelle, Joan Gordon, Sue Hager, Park Leathers, Janet Parks, Chuck McCaghy. All positions are for a two-year

term. Balloting will be through the May newsletter. The secretary's position will be a separate vote contingent on the approval of the proposed change in the Bylaws.

- **OCHER**—Anderson reported that HB 315, which is still in committee, would raise contributions to 2 1/2 percent. This is supported by active members, but not by boards of education. Stang said the Faculty Senate is being asked to pass a resolution supporting HB 315. A new executive director for STRS may be hired by July.

- **OFFICE STAFFING**—McOmbler sent a note of thanks for all who worked in the office during the past year.

- **OFFICE OPERATION**—No report.

- **PROFESSIONAL**—No report.

- **PROGRAM**—Groat reported the following programs for the rest of the year and into 2008-2009:
 - May 14, Kevin Maynard, director of municipal utilities for Bowling Green
 - September 17, Convocation, Larry Weiss, speaker
 - November 12, Gary Hess, author/retired history professor
 - January 14, HeeBeeBGs (tentative)
 - March 18, with the Wood County Retired Teachers Association
 - April, meeting at the University of Toledo with the UT retirees
 - May 13, Michelle Grigore, director of BG Parks and Recreation

- **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Keller reported that she had attended the March and April meetings of the Council. Topics related to the budget and concern about salaries.

- **CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**—Sexton reported that CSC is reviewing HB187 which proposes changes as to who is considered as “classified” in the government system. Lunde noted concern about the danger to the institution of outsourcing positions like custodial and food service.

- **COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE**—Bill Rock, BGSURA representative to this committee, sent a written report which was distributed to members. He reported that a “rather unfocused” discussion centered on the new Ohio “Strategic Plan for Higher Education,” because no one had yet tried to digest the 140-page document.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **GOLDEN BOOK AWARD ENDOWMENT**—President Cormier said she is hopeful the Award will be endowed within the next few months.

NEW BUSINESS

- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**—Anderson moved that the Board accept Diana Shamp as a nominee for secretary contingent on approval of the proposed Bylaws change which will be on the ballot. The motion was seconded and approved. Anderson then moved that the slate of officers and directors as presented be accepted. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEXT MEETING July date to be announced.

THE MEETING was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Joan H. Gordon, Secretary