BGSURA BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2012  
COLLEGE PARK OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson, Charlie Applebaum, David Chilson, Jim Corbitt, Gaylyn Finn, Pat Fitzgerald, Jim Gordon, Joan Gordon, Sue Hager, Linda Hamilton, Barb Keller, Karel King, Pat Koehler, Paul Lopez, Jan Peterson, Carol Sanner, Elmer Spreitzer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellen Dalton, Joe Jacoby, Tina Martini, Genevieve Stang

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Chilson. He welcomed all association members and announced the newly elected officers - Pat Fitzgerald, Vice President and Carol Sanner, Secretary.

MINUTES  
Following two housekeeping items, Linda Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Corbitt. Motion approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT  
Treasurer Finn handed out the July 8 report, showing figures for fiscal year 2011, fiscal year 2012 activity to date and notes for fiscal year 2012 budget. He is expecting to receive the final 2012 end-of-the-year (June 30) statement from the BGSU Foundation. To date, end of year fiscal year 2011 to fiscal year 2012 amount is up $1,045.79, although amount will decrease a little by Foundation administrative fee. Finn shared the importance of having 7 to 8 new life memberships each year to maintain the current flow of the budget.

The September Convocation will be held at Stone Ridge Country Club. Luncheon location and food costs were further discussed. Under the current program with Stone Ridge Country Club, a dessert included with the meal would cost $15, for up to 90 individuals. Gratuity for the served meal has increased from 18% to 20%. Pat Fitzgerald made a motion that the Program Committee research alternative lunch locations and survey the members for their preferences. Motion approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT  
President Chilson has spent the last five weeks contacting individuals by group emails to serve as committee chairs and co-chairs. He also has worked on the awarding of Gold Book Award which is discussed under new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Janet Parks has stepped down as chair of the committee. Jan Peterson has agreed to be co-chair. Joan Gordon has the bylaws with terms for each officer.
PROGRAM COMMITTEE – Barbara Moses agreed to serve as co-chair with Ellen Dalton. Four program speakers are needed for this year – September, November, March and May. The April luncheon is a joint meeting with the University of Toledo Retirees at their location.

ACTIVITIES – Pat Koehler and Pat Fitzgerald will serve as co-chairs. The committee will meet soon to schedule fall activities. The Stratford trip was sold out. The response with life-long learning at Lourdes College was great.

BYLAWS – Joan Gordon and Roger Anderson will co-chair. Gordon shared that the amendments in the newsletter passed. She updated the association bylaws and passed out to all present.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Sue Hager and Jim Corbitt continue to co-chair. As of June 28, 2012, there are 113 regular and associate members, 110 life and associate life members, and 69 complimentary first-year members for a total of 292. The committee’s goal is to encourage the regular, associate and complimentary individuals to life memberships. Renewal reminders will be sent by mail or by electronic newsletter. A special thanks to Paul Lopez for keeping member database up-to-date.

BENEVOLENCE – Chair Jan Peterson sends out cards after viewing the Sentinel-Tribune and Blade obituaries. Jim and Joan Gordon track down obituaries as well.

DATABASE – Paul Lopez continues to update email addresses through Alumni and Development and Human Resources. There are 64 members with emails that have not confirmed after email and letter requests. He will again connect with Alumni and Development to request good email addresses.

OCHER – Roger Anderson and Genevieve Stang attended the OCHER Board quarterly meeting in May. The Ohio Senate passed the STRS Ohio Pension Reform Legislation (Substitute Senate Bill 342) on May 16. The Ohio House of Representatives is prepared to move forward with hearings, possibly as early as mid-July. Passage in the full House is not expected until after the November election during the lame duck session of the legislature. As of May 31, 2012 the market value of the STRS invested funds was $62 billion compared to $66 billion as of June 30, 2011. Stang is having some health issues and finds it difficult to make the OCHER Board meetings. Anderson welcomes others from the BGSURA Board to attend OCHER Board meetings as representatives. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25 at STRS headquarters in Columbus.

NEWSLETTER – Editor Jim Gordon will send out the next newsletter the end of August, including the reservation form for the September luncheon. Newsletters will be sent out one month prior to each luncheon. Gordon asked that representatives serving on Faculty Senate, Administrative and Classified Staff Councils submit a brief summary for inclusion in the newsletter after each meeting attended.
OFFICE STAFFING – Chair Barb Keller passed out the office staffing schedule for retirees to sign up to work. Retirees are needed to work on Mondays and Thursdays for two hours in Room 27, College Park Office Building.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL – No Report.

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – No Report.

FACULTY SENATE – No Report.

RETIREMENT INFORMATION – No Report.

NEW BUSINESSES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS – President Chilson has sent emails requesting retirees to fill positions for committee chairs and co-chairs.

REPRESENTATIVES/OBSERVERS TO:
  ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COUNCIL – Position vacant.
  CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL – position vacant.
  FACULTY SENATE – Position vacant. Faculty Senate selects representative.

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD – President Chilson shared the lack of communication with Financial Aid in selecting this year’s recipient. He was very clear in an email that we would award one $500 award to a student from the College of Health & Human Services for the 2012-13 academic year. Because there is $1,291 available to award, Financial Aid decided to give two $500 awards to a student in Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Technology, disregarding the email. Charlie Applebaum made a motion that BGSURA, as in the past, would select only one $500 award for the 2012-13 academic year to a College of Technology student (because we have not given an award to this college in the rotation), and in the future, the Chair of the BGSURA must be informed and acknowledged of Financial Aid’s intention before any student notification of the award. Sue Hager seconded the motion. Motion passed. The award is to be presented to the recipient at the fall convocation in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sanner
Secretary