UW-GREEN BAY RETIREE ASSOCIATION Minutes of April 20, 2009


Next meeting: Monday, May 18, 2009, 9-10:30 am, WH 318

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 9 meeting were approved as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) The lock box for WH 318 has been installed and the numerical code shared with board members.

(2) The one-page document about the Association is now in the hands of Human Resources counselors for distribution to retiring UW-Green Bay employees during final benefits meetings. The summary document was prepared by Ken and accepted for use by HR after minor changes in format.

(3) A nominating committee will be needed in the near future to draw up a slate of nominees for officers during 2009-2010. Board members were asked to bring suggestions for committee members/nominees to the May meeting. (Discussion of an election brought to light a discrepancy in the by-laws on the subject. While Section 1 of Article V states a one-year term for the four officers, with successive terms permissible, Section 2 states that board members {who include the officers} shall serve two-year staggered terms. Betty Baer volunteered to revisit the bylaws and report back at the May board meeting.)

(4) In noting the recent death of Tim Quigley, Ken initiated a discussion of ways the Association might memorialize the passing of its members, beyond a notice in The Log (which reaches only those who have subscribed). Suggestions: a memorial wall, notices and photos on a web page, an informal RA remembers activity at the annual dinner that involves passing around a microphone for comments by those who wish to speak. For the longer term: a subcommittee to handle memorials; a recording secretary with the task of sending condolence cards/notes to family members. Discussion will continue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(1) Membership

Chuck presented and the board approved, with minor changes, a proposal to broaden the statement of membership eligibility in the first sentence of Section 1 of Article IV of RA bylaws. The sentence as approved now reads: “Membership shall be open to all persons who retire from employment at UW-Green Bay, friends of the University, and former employees who wish to maintain their UW--Green Bay connection even though they retired elsewhere.” The board also approved setting 2009-2010 dues for current members at $5 each, an amount payable as part of the price of a ticket for the annual dinner.

(2) Service

Projects/activities suggested for the months ahead include two informal social events: a spring gathering to introduce newly retiring faculty and staff to the Association and a fall meeting at which new faculty and staff can receive an orientation to the
history and past culture of the University and its place in the community. The committee will plan meetings, during the summer if possible, with the incoming chancellor and provost for the purpose of providing an orientation to the purposes and activities of the Association. The committee solicited input from Interim Chancellor David Ward and UW Regent Judy Crain on areas in which the RA could provide service to the University. A proposal to “fill in the gaps” in institutional history using the strategy of oral history was enthusiastically received by the committee. The RA board voted to support a long-range oral history project, in particular to capture information and insights from individuals who had participated in the establishment and early development of UW-Green Bay.

(3) Communication A brochure about the RA, based on the informational document now in use by Human Resources, will be developed by the committee hand in hand with its work to expand and improve the Association’s website. George distributed a site map, prepared by Dan Moore, that can provide the framework for redesigning RA web pages. Issues to deal with include (1) devising a link that provides easier access to RA pages from the University website and (2) setting up procedures to keep information current, both on the web pages and in the brochure.

Betty Brown, Secretary