

RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES
September 7, 2018
9:30 a.m., Lambeau Cottage

Attendance: President Dan Spielmann, Pat Przybelski, Chris Sampson, Carol Emmons, Frank Madzarevic, Judi Pietsch,
Excused absence: Kathy Pletcher, David Kieper, Curt Heuer
Guests: Roger Vanderperren, Jacob Depas

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the July 17 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Pat, second by Carol, minutes were approved with two changes.

Monthly update from University liaison

Jacob Depas, development officer with University Advancement, briefly touched on a number of news items involving UWGB and its future.

- Groundbreaking for the new campus/community STEM building has been set for Sept. 17. An accelerated construction timeline, with local firm Miron as general contractor, aims to have the building open in about a year, for occupancy as early as fall 2019. The ambitious schedule is motivated in part by the fact a primary tenant will be the new Mechanical Engineering major, which is off to a fast start and has immediate needs for space.
- It was recently announced that Associate Vice Chancellor Matt Dornbush will have a dual role, as he is adding temporary duties as head of the Business School until a national search is conducted.
- Chuck Rybak, dean of arts, humanities and social sciences, has been a point person on reaching out to the former two-year campuses (Marinette, Manitowoc, Sheboygan) as they integrate as UW-Green Bay satellite locations. His recent trip to Marinette, for example, was reportedly well received as an indication of UWGB's commitment to ensuring their viable future.
- UWGB will make a bid for grant funding and a central role if the bay is declared a National Estuary Project for science, research and problem solving as provided by the federal Clean Water Act.
- In academic-program news, official approval has been granted for a full four-year Nursing BSN; the so-called "Impact MBA" is looking to launch next summer, and UWGB's first Ph.D. program, in First Nations Education, had no trouble filling its planned 20-candidate-per-year cohort, with more than 60 applications.

Success with 2018 Benefit Golf Outing

Pat reported that the Retiree Association's golf outing – a fundraiser for our student scholarship(s) – went very well this year. A total of \$1,025 was raised at the Aug. 16 event at Shorewood. Dan and other board members thanked and complimented Pat on her leadership of this project. In turn, Pat expressed appreciation to Frank for drumming up new participants in advance, and for taking photos on the day of the event. Pat also mentioned a generous gift from alumna Kathy Mertz and the Pump Room tavern that was auctioned off and allowed an additional \$65 to be raised.

Update on retiree access to @uwgb.edu email accounts

Dan shared more clarification on the IT security crackdown and new UW System and UWGB policies regarding access to free UWGB email service. The University will grandfather all current retirees and emeriti, and allow them to keep their access. In the future, however, only people formally granted emeriti status will be able to continue their UWGB email. Other new retirees? No. Not any more.

Recruiting of new board members

Not much progress. It's possible we'll come up with some nominees before the Oct. 3 annual banquet, where the election will take place, or maybe a retiree or two can be persuaded/drafted at the meeting itself. Just in case, it was determined that the current board members whose terms are expiring would, to various degrees, be open to continue serving on the Board.

Planning for Oct. 3 Annual Meeting

Pat shared an update. She's working on a menu with the campus vendor, Chartwell's. Kari Moody has helpfully offered to give us the flower arrangements from the previous night's Alumni Awards Dinner to help dress up the room and table settings. At Kathy Pletcher's suggestion, a donation slip and envelope (for Retiree scholarship fund) will be put out at each place.

Outings, Social Events: Developing a Retiree program to spotlight visual arts

Chris said he has yet to identify a list of possible Retiree Association social events/gatherings for the coming year, but promises to have options in place for discussion/deciding during the annual meeting. The two likeliest possibilities are 1) this winter's edition of the "Krash the Kress" basketball game and reception sponsored by Alumni Relations and Phoenix Athletics, and 2) a student theatre or music performance TBD.

Carol Emmons discussed her previously distributed brainstorming list of potential visual arts-focused gatherings. There was solid consensus that a talk/tour/private showing of works from the UWGB Permanent Collection would hold the most interest for retirees. Board members offered suggestions on best times, format, etc. Carol said she would follow up with the Lawton Gallery to begin finalizing plans for an event this fall.

The next regular board meeting was set for Thursday, Oct. 19, at 9:30 a.m., again at Lambeau Cottage along the campus bay shore. The meeting adjourned at about 10:30 a.m., at which time board members stayed on to stuff envelopes with Annual Banquet invitations.

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Sampson, recording secretary