

RETIREE ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 25, 2024  
9:00 a.m., MAC Hall Vista Room

**Attendance:** President Dan Spielmann, Carol Emmons, Curt Heuer, Frank Madzarevic, Pat Przybelski,  
Excused: Ken Fleurant, Craig Lockard, Barb McClure-Lukens, Kathy Pletcher, Chris Sampson, Chris Style  
Guest: Brian Rammer

**Approval of minutes**

Emmons/Przybelski moved to approve minutes of the January 23, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

**Update on UW-Green Bay developments**

Alumni relations director Rammer updated board members on recent news from campus.

-- The April 30 "Day of Giving" held on our UWGB campus was a success thanks to the efforts of faculty, staff, alumni and community supporters. We raised \$72,500, and with the matching fund gift challenge thanks to Kathy and Larry Treankler, we have \$145,000 in support of scholarships, opportunities and experiences that will impact students in eight priority areas.

-- Provost Kate Burns finalized our spring 2024 enrollment numbers, and we have our highest headcount and FTE for spring semester. This represents an overall 5.2% increase in headcount and a 4.9% increase in FTE relative to last spring. We are showing growth across all of our student types in undergraduate students, graduate and doctoral students and high school students.

-- UWGB and St. Norbert College Partnership Announcement: This strategic partnership will allow us to complement each other's strengths and harness our collective resources.

-- Chancellor Alexander said the report by Deloitte's Financial and Strategic Assessment Reports was released publicly for 7 universities. The report shows that UWGB is in better places than some others.

-- Sheryl VanGruensven has accepted a finance position at UW-Madison. She has been a leader in various positions over her 19 years on campus. Melissa Nash will serve as Interim Chief Business Officer beginning May 1.

-- The UW-Green Bay Retiree Scholarship Endowment has \$100,250 as of December 31, 2023.

-- Library update: Construction of the library is planned to begin spring 2025 and move-in early 2027. There will be a 7-month phase from April through October 2027 to include demolition of the old Cofrin Library building, finishing entrances to the tunnels and landscaping. The new Cofrin Technology and Education Center is a state-of-the-art facility that will replace the Cofrin Library. Go to <https://www.uwgb.edu/ctec> for additional links on the building plans, timeline etc.

**Possible Additional Retiree Activities**

Emmons mentioned that the Neville Museum holds a free movie the first Wednesday of each month. Maybe we could advertise and have a reception before. She will check into the fall series starting September. On hold until next meeting.

### **Women's Basketball Game Reception**

About 25 retirees, along with the Chancellor and his wife, attended the pregame reception on Saturday, February 25, at the Kress Center. When the pep band began playing people disbanded to their seats as it was hard to hold a conversation. We will also check into when the men play at the Kress Center, as that could also be a possible reception.

### **Arboretum Walk and Richter Tour**

Andrew LaPlant, Cofrin Center for Biodiversity, will lead the Arboretum Walk April 26, at 9:30. We will meet at the Lambeau Cottage.

The Richter Museum tour will be held Tuesday, May 30, at 2:00 p.m. Dan Meinhart, curator of the Richter Museum of Natural History, will lead the tour.

### **Retiree Cookout/Picnic**

The cookout will be held Thursday, July 18. Cost will again be \$15 for dinner. Social hour begins at 4:30 with dinner at 5:30. We discussed possible speakers for the evening. Dan will check to see who might be available.

### **Retiree Association Scholarship Endowment**

As of December 31, 2023, the balance in the Retiree Endowment Fund is \$100,250. We received \$10,570 in scholarship donations from June 2023 to February 2024, with a generous gift of \$10,000 received in November 2023 from Lee and Helen Schwartz. We will give two \$1650 student scholarships for the year 2024-25.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 so members could walk over to the Kress Center for the 10:00 introduction of Kayla Karius as the women's new basketball coach.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Przybelski, Recording secretary.