Minutes
Northwestern Emeriti Organization
Executive Council Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2022, 2:30 pm
1800 Sherman, 5th floor conference room and via Zoom

In attendance:

Executive Council Members:
Jeff Garrett (President)
Steve Carr (Vice President and President-elect)
Charlotte Crane (Secretary)
Holly Clayson
Rick Cohn (NEO representative to Faculty Senate)
Mary Poole
Sandra Richards
Bob Tanz

Ex-Officio:
Celina Flowers, Asst. Provost for Faculty
Gina Prokopeak, NEO Admin. Asst.

Absent:
Mary Dedinsky (Treasurer)
Erv Goldberg (Immediate Past-President)
Bernard Dobroski
Emile Okal

Minutes
The minutes from the November Executive Council meeting were approved without comment.

Reports and Old Business

Provost Office:
Celina Flowers informed the group that Gina is no longer a temporary employee and that her hours have increased from 20 hours per week to 25.
NEO President Report:

Jeff Garrett repeated that tentative steps have been made toward a meeting of the NEO Executive Council with President Schill in January or February.

We received thanks from the OWF leadership for our endorsement of its letter regarding a meeting to discuss budget priorities and Covid effects.

Jeff was pleased to report that most of the remote video equipment purchased with the help of Mike Curtis of NUIT with a grant from The Alumnae of NU had arrived (a battery and an owl camera have not been received yet). Mike Curtis created a short video demonstrating the features of the setup. Additional training is scheduled for December 13. Further efforts will be made to recruit from NEO membership to develop additional individuals trained in the use of the equipment.

Jeff also reported that the Provost’s dinner with new NEO members on November 12 was a delightful event, and thanked the Provost’s office for its efforts in making it so. An estimated 75 guests were in attendance, including both NEO members and their guests. Provost Hagerty and Jeff gave brief remarks. Dan McAdams gave a short substantive talk on assessing careers. Mention of the fact that prior similar events had included recently tenured, as well as recently retired faculty members, an approach that could be reinstated in future years.

Faculty Senate:

Rick Cohn reported on the Faculty Senate Meeting held on November 19. At that meeting the Senate heard reports from several committees relating to the issues raised in the OWF letter (see above under Pres. remarks), and ultimately endorsed it.

AROHE

Gina Prokopeak reported on the recent meeting of AROHE and mentioned that there is a call for articles for their upcoming newsletter regarding how organizations handle succession planning for their boards.

NEO Mini-Course:

Jeff again confirmed the remaining mini-courses to be sponsored collaboratively by NEO/EPL this academic year.

| January 18 & 25 6pm-7:30pm | Barbara Deal and Stephen Devries, “Diet, Heart Health, and Living a Full Life.” In person, Evanston Public Library and via Zoom. |

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### April 18 & 25
6pm-7:30pm


### NEO Membership events

Jeff reported on the December 1 dinner with Leslie Harris. 32 NEO members attended in person and 31 participated through Zoom (four members reserved but cancelled or did not show). Also in attendance as NEO guests were: Nancy Cuniff, Director of *One Book, One Northwestern* and president Carol Willis and past-president Michele Bresler of The Alumnae of NU.

It was observed that it is likely that the number participating through Zoom will continue even after fears of attending large group functions have subsided. There was a short discussion of the extent to which the cost of the meal might be a factor. The rough total cost of the dinner (including liquor) is about $100; the members are charged $30). There was some speculation about whether the benefit of such subsidized meals is shared by the broader NEO membership.

Jeff Garrett also confirmed the remaining schedule for NEO Memory Series and other NEO membership events:

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<td>Dec 15</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>Zoom event&lt;br&gt;Julio M. Ottino, Dean of the McCormick School; <em>Art, Technology, and Science: Intersections, Bifurcations, and Opportunities.</em></td>
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<td>Jan 12</td>
<td>11:30am-1:30pm</td>
<td>Lunch, in-person only&lt;br&gt;Memory Series event. M. Marsel Mesulam, Director Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer’s Disease; <em>Alzheimer’s and Human Memory Loss</em></td>
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<td>March/April</td>
<td>Format TBD</td>
<td>Memory Series Event. Ken Forbus, Walter P. Murphy Professor of Computer Science; <em>Human vs. Machine Memory</em></td>
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<td>May 11</td>
<td>Format TBD, in-person &amp; Zoom</td>
<td>NEO Memory Series V. Speaker: <a href="https://example.com">Jeffrey Garrett</a>, NEO President &amp; Librarian Emeritus, on “Monasteries, Memory, and Modernity: The Violent End of Monastic Libraries in Europe”. In-person and Zoom.</td>
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New Business

A visit to the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab on the Chicago campus is being planned for the spring.

Jeff Garrett reported that a committee that includes Jeff Garrett, Mary Poole, Steve Carr and Gina Prokopeak is working on a survey of the NEO membership to explore how NEO members want to engage with NEO in the future.

Remarks

President Jeff Garrett noted that the next Council meeting will be on January 23 at 1 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50.