Minutes
Northwestern Emeriti Organization
Executive Council Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022, 1:00-2:30 pm
1800 Sherman, 5th floor conference room and via Zoom

This meeting was rescheduled from October 24.

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

Absent:
Mary Dedinsky (Treasurer)
Erv Goldberg (Immediate Past-President)
Bernard Dobroski (AROHE representative)
Sandra Richards

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

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

Gina Prokopeak noted that she has posted on the website the minutes from prior Council meetings that she was able to locate. It remains to be determined how much additional efforts to add old minutes should be made. Gina has also taken steps to make the website easier to use and asked for suggestions from Council members regarding further improvements.
Reports and Old Business

Provost Office:

Celina Flowers reminded that the new President Michael Schill of the University has assumed his duties.

A dinner with Provost Hagerty for all those becoming Emeriti within the last three years is planned for November 12. President Garrett has been invited to address the group and noted that drafts of his remarks have been circulated to Steve, Erv, Gina and individuals in the Provost’s office. He is hoping to use this opportunity to recruit new Emeriti for greater participation in NEO.

NEO President Garrett:

Pres. Garrett noted his satisfaction with his correspondence with President Schill on behalf of NEO. Tentative steps have been made toward a meeting of the NEO Executive Council with President Schill in January or February.

He noted that he is still waiting for IT to complete the acquisition of the equipment funded through the NU Alumnae grant to enable better remote participation in NEO events, especially the community events held at non-University sites. Celina Flowers agreed to explore the situation further.

Faculty Senate:

Rick Cohn reported on the Faculty Senate Meeting held on October 12. President Schill addressed the group.

The University’s plans regarding the replacement of the football stadium, to be funded by a gift of roughly $480 million from Patrick and Shirley Ryan was discussed.

Considerable time was spent by the Senate in discussion of the widely circulated letter of the Organization of Women Faculty to President Schill and Board of Trustees’ Chair Peter Barris, requesting a meeting to discuss various budget priorities, including the career setbacks faced by female faculty and faculty of color in the aftermath of Covid. Karen Alter, a Senator and Co-Chair of OWF, asked the Senate to endorse the OWF position, but no action was taken by the Senate, beyond sending the letter to the appropriate committees. The Executive Council was generally supportive of the OWF requests; President Garrett will consider any input from Council members and propose Council action with this input in mind.
The Provost will meet with the Faculty Senate at its November 19 meeting.

Search for Newsletter Editor

President Garrett reported that he had met with David Zarefsky, Steve Carr and Joan Linsenmeier regarding his replacement as Newsletter Editor. They plan to solicit volunteers and nominations from the NEO membership generally. The hope is to have the new editor identified in time to participate in the preparation of the June newsletter.

NEO community events - mini-courses:

President Jeff Garrett reported that Emile Okal’s presentation on his tsunami research was attended by more than 50 participants at the Evanston Public Library. The hybrid aspects of the event were thought to be a success, although they pointed out the need for the NEO’s own equipment, if only to simplify the set-up.

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

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NEO Membership events

Jeff Garrett reported on the first of the Memory Series events presented on October 20 by Ken Paller. About 25 people attended the catered lunch, and more than 30 by Zoom, with 13 requests for the recording.

Jeff Garrett indicated that select individuals from The Alumnae of Northwestern would be invited to membership events. As noted in the past, there is reluctance to dilute too far the NEO presence at such events.
Jeff Garrett also confirmed the remaining schedule for NEO Memory Series events for the NEO membership:

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<td>December 1</td>
<td>5:30pm CST</td>
<td>Dinner &amp; Zoom</td>
<td>Leslie M. Harris, “How the Word is Passed” on the History and Memory of Slavery in the U.S.</td>
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<td>NEW: Dec 15</td>
<td>10 am CST</td>
<td>Zoom</td>
<td>Dean Julio M. Ottino, Art, Technology, and Science: Intersections, Bifurcations, and Opportunities.</td>
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<td>Jan 12</td>
<td>11:30am CST</td>
<td>Lunch</td>
<td>M. Marsel Mesulam, Memory Capacity in Health, and Disease.</td>
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<td>March/April</td>
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<td>Ken Forbus, “Human vs. Machine Memory”</td>
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<td>May</td>
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**New Business**

There was discussion of the extent to which efforts should be made to revive several past activities of the NEO, including interest groups, select tours and attendance at special events. It was noted that most such activities in the past have been organized by Council members.

Jeff Garrett proposed that a survey of the NEO membership might reveal the depth of interest in resuming these activities.

**Remarks**

President Jeff Garrett noted that the next Council meeting would be on December 5 at 1 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.