

**The Association of The University of Akron Retirees (AUAR)
Executive Board Meeting December 1, 2022 Minutes
Held in person and Zoom**

I. Call to order. The Board meeting was called to order on December 1, 2022 by President Rita Klein at 10:01 am.

II. Welcome & Announcements:

Members attending: Connie Heldenfels, John Heminger, Rita Klein, Dan Sheffer, Martha Vye, Mel Vye, Tom Vukovich, Diane Vukovich, Cathy Edwards, Bob Gandee, Laura Spitler, Harvey Sterns, Mary Schadle, Dick Steiner, Tom Nichols, Ali Hajafar (Mary Verstraete on Zoom)
Absent: Jo Ann Collier, Linda Sugarman

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the August 25, 2022 Executive Board meeting were corrected as follows:
In the August Treasurer's report, Expenses UA Account was changed from \$2737.09 to \$2737.90. In the * note after the September table, "of approximately \$2940" was added.
The board approved the minutes as corrected.

IV Treasurer's Report. John Heminger reported:

October 2022

UA Account income: membership dues \$156.00; luncheon proceeds \$477.00

UA Account expenses: Aramark Catering \$504.12

Petty Cash income: \$0.00

Petty Cash expenses: to Rita Klein for Helpers' Lunch \$31.06

	UA Account	Petty Cash	Totals
Initial balance	\$9,490.82*	\$269.74	\$9760.56*
Income	\$633.00	\$0.00	\$633.00
Expenses	\$504.12	\$31.06	\$535.18
Final balance	\$9619.70*	\$238.68	\$9858.38*
Final Balance			
October 2021	\$9,875.89	\$279.40	\$10,155.29

* These include dues payments for future years of approximately \$3048.

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Martha Vye agreed to pick up the name tags and attendee list from Chris Frantz in Infocision prior to the December luncheon.

V. Corresponding Secretary. Linda Sugarman reported that she sent a Get Well card to Jo Ann Collier and Marilyn Carrell.

VI. Committee Reports.

A. Programs:A recent luncheon ended with a loss of only about \$41, thanks to having some supplies on hand.

Chair Tom Vukovich reported that a decent crowd attended the luncheon with Mayor Dan, about 30 people.

- December's meeting will feature the Keyed Up Quartet
- February will be Mel Vye presenting "Cruising Down The Danube"
- March we will hear from Rich Heldenfels
- April's speaker will be MarkGerberich, CEO of the Soap Box Derby, who will speak on "Rethinking the Soap Box Derby Through Education"
- Later speaker will be reached out to in March and April. Several new administrators are being considered.

B. Membership. Chair Mel Vye reported membership numbers had increased from 146 to 185, and lifetime memberships increased from 27 to 34.

Rita Klien mentioned that she and Mary Schadle met with Claudia Kaeberlein in Development and discussed the potential of adding a donation and membership dues button to the web page so that these could be submitted on electronically. Questions were raised regarding credit card costs, would anything be added to cover these? The system in Development would also make a spreadsheet available whenever needed. Claudia will be invited to the next meeting to explain the ins and outs of this system and answer the many questions raised.

Rita had sent the Board a list from Rose Mary Wiegandwith the names of potential membersfrom 6/1/22 thru 12/1/22. She will be retiring and will pass these duties on to Matt Lump.

C. Political Action. Dan Sheffer reported that OCHER met on 11/5 and it included reports from STRS and OPERS on the elections.A report from STRS on healthcare changes was also included. A discussion was held regarding the regional meetings and OCHER is happy that UA is interested in hosting the Northeastern Ohio meeting. (this completes the discussion also listed in **VII. Old Business**)

D. Benefits. Linda Sugarman was absent

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Rita mentioned that she attended on of the online workshops for STRS benefit changes and found it very informative.

E. Faculty Senate. Ali Hajjafar submitted his report on the Senate Meeting on November 5, 2022 via e-mail and it is attached to the end of these minutes. Harvey Sterns offered a description of a recent meeting about the university's possible projects, mentioning the changes to the Polsky Building, the tearing down of Central Hower and building a new structure on its foundation, changes to the entrance to the university via Route 8 to connect it more closely to Stark State, and persuading the city to change the name of University Park

F. University & Community Service/Website. Dan reported that everything on the website was up to date. He would like some additional information on the spring speakers, something more than just their names, perhaps affiliation with the University and such. Dan also found that many of the names that bounce back from the listserv need their addresses changed to reflect the new email system.

F. G. Scholarship. Mary Schadle also reported on the meeting with Rita Klein and Claudia Kaeberlein from Development. Mary noted that the cost of attending the university is quite high -- \$380 per credit hour or almost \$2,300 for six hours excluding fees, which makes the AUAR scholarship look small. She mentioned that they discussed the scholarship wording that included a requirement that the awardees be full-time students at the university. As many students work or have other commitments and are not able to attend full-time, it was suggested that this wording be changed to include part-time, as well as full-time juniors and seniors. Mary Verstraete suggested that this recommendation should come from the Scholarship Committee. It was agreed that an email discuss would be conducted with the committee and the Board could then act after they had come up with a proposal.

H. Newsletter. Martha Vye reported that the deadline for the Winter newsletter was January 15th.

She then commented on the report from the fall newsletter regarding costs. There has been confusion about who is responsible for the cost and distribution of the newsletter, including details such as the ordering of envelopes and how many copies were ordered (550 suddenly rising to 875, far more than the number of paying members). Alternatives include emailing the newsletter and/or posting it on the AUAR website. But some members far away may not find the cost of membership justified if they are not receiving a paper newsletter. Discussion continued without clear resolution.

VII. Old Business. See VI. C. Dan requested volunteers to assist with the planning of the event. Bob Gandee had previously volunteered.

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VIII. New Business. None.

IX. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Verstraete, Recording Secretary and Connie Heldenfels

**The next meeting of the 2022-2023 year is scheduled for January 26,
2023 at 10:00 am in-person at the Infocision Board Room**

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Faculty Senate Meeting November 3, 2022

Chair Budd called the meeting to order. In her remark, she mentioned the items that committees bring on the floor during the meeting. She said Provost and APC are discussing ways to improve the process for awarding course credit to students who wish to transfer to UA. She reminded Senators of the informal meeting with the President and Provost on November 30th at 3:30p. She encouraged Senators to send her their suggestions and their concerns.

Executive Committee secretary reported that since the last regular meeting, they met three times including the meeting with the provost. Subjects discussed included: changes to transfer credit procedures and the need for shared governance, workday and Stelic implementation. She announced that AIC (Academic Investment Committee) has launched with Mahesh Srinivasan as chair.

Provost Wiencek in his remark recognized VP McKellips as a seasoned veteran in enrollment management who has provided UA with a deeper understanding of how to improve. He said McKellips's ideas call for investing in financial aid and the management of aid as an important strategic initiative. His ideas also call for identifying barriers to admissions and enrollment which includes the procedures around awarding transfer credits. He shared that in enrollment management, an aspiration is to become the fastest response University in our market. He said ease of application, evaluation of credits previously earned, and admission are determining factors in securing enrollment. Regarding this year's enrollment he said we are in the application phase. UA has changed some processes in response to market changes. Looking at this year's numbers appear to lag in comparison to last year. This is early in the application process. Next is confirmation phase which is commitment through deposits then the orientation and advising phases. He said he is happy to meet with faculty regarding program closures from 2018 and he is willing to reconsider. He said the search for a Senior Vice Provost is concluding, the search for Dean of Health and Human Sciences is coming to a close and for the Director of Nursing, the committee is working on building the size of the candidate pool. He encouraged Senators to visit the new website for strategic planning for the mid-cycle progress report. He also emphasized the AKR process as a shared approach to goal setting. He recognized the work of Provost fellows in strategic planning and their new assignment on modeling of enrollment and finances. He said AIC (Academic Investment Committee) has launched with the goal of allowing the Senate to give feedback and advice in the budget process. In Committee reports, APC brought a resolution to the floor recommending inclusion of a Diversity Statement in course syllabi, CRC asked for approval of a list of course and program proposals, Senate also approved the list of graduates for Fall Commencement. CCTC presented a report.

AAUP representative anticipated of a social gathering and hosting BOT chair on campus on November 16 and asked for sending ideas for consideration.

Graduate Council representative reported a list of activities of Graduate Council.

USG representative reported of Halloween celebration and planning for diversity week with a cultural dance night. They are also planning a gathering of student organization

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leaders to discuss how to improve leadership in their organizations.They intend to educate students around filling out parking permits.

UC representative reported that UC is continuing to review committee work and changes to committee charges. He noted the upcoming increase to healthcare contributions.

*Since the chronicle of Faculty Senate for the month of November 2022, was available, so it was used to prepare this report