

UMSL Retirees Association

Special Board Meeting

March 23, 2022

Minutes

Glen Echo Country Club

Attending: Sue Baber, Tom Eyssell, Dave Ganz, Dave Garin, Melissa Hattman, Kathie Haywood, Clark Hickman, Debbie Kettler, Helene Sherman, Steve Spaner, Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, Cindy Vantine.

President Haywood called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Summary of Officers' Meeting with Chancellor Sobolik.

Future campus support for the UMSL Retirees Association was discussed. Topics included staff support, printing and mailing costs, campus sponsorship for future UMSL RA luncheons. The Board was told that the campus "must redeploy resources to serve students," which means that, after the Spring luncheon, the UMSL RA will no longer receive staff support or coverage of associated expenses. Prior to the meeting, the Chancellor distributed a document entitled "Engagement and Coordination Proposal" for consideration by the Board. (attachment 1)

The Chancellor named Curt Coonrod, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Alumni Engagement, to be the campus liaison to the UMSL RA. AVC Coonrod will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting with the Board to discuss details of the future arrangement.

The Chancellor has also offered UMSL RA permanent office space in Woods Hall. A straw vote of the group indicated a favorable response to the offer.

Treasurer Spaner distributed a current Treasurer's Report and a cost analysis of the December, 2021 Retiree Luncheon. (attachments 2 and 3, respectively.) Extended discussion followed, during which several questions were raised, which will be taken to the Chancellor and/or AVC Coonrod for further elaboration. Among the questions raised were:

- a. Will the Chancellor cover the cost of invitations to the June Luncheon, and should they be sent to all retirees, or only to UMSL RA members?
- b. How will the Retiree of the Year process work going forward?
- c. Will the UMSL RA be able to accept payments online at some point?

The Board also decided to solicit donations from attendees for the UMSL Triton Pantry.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Eyssell, Secretary