**Minutes**

**EMERITUS FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING**

**9:30 a.m. Monday, February 5, 2024**

**(UCC 2520-C, With Zoom Connection.)**

President Berman called the meeting to order at 9:32

**Roll Call:**

**EFC Members Attending:** Christopher Atchison, Constance Berman, Ana Diaz-Arnold, Warren Boe, Minnetta Gardinier, Diane Huber, Russell Lenth; Jacob Odgaard, Carol Scott-Connor, Mary Ann Rasmussen, William Silverman, Bernard Sorofman, Shelton Stromquist, , Tricia Zebrowski

**EFC Members Absent**: Sheldon Kurtz, John Westefeld

**Other participants**: Sam Helmick, Iowa City Library, Ann Howard

**Approval of Minutes.** The December 2023 minutes were approved as distributed.

**New Emeritus Faculty**

**Name College Retirement Date**

Richard Bogue, CNUR June 30, 2023

Kennith Culp, CNUR, December 31, 2023

Alan Johnson, CLAS December 31, 2023

Janet Fairley, CCOM, January 5, 2024

Danielle Kelsay, CLAS, retires June 3, 2024

Richard Landon, CLAS, retires June 30, 2024

**Recently Deceased Emeritus Faculty**

**Name College Date**

Frederick Chapler, CCOM-OBGYN, November 21, 2023

Surjit Khurana, CLAS-Mathematics November 28, 2023

Holmes Semken, CLAS-Earth & Envir Sciences, January 2, 2024

Ernest Pascarella, CEDU, January 23, 2024

Gerald Nordquist, CBUS-Economics, January 26, 2024

**Moment of Silence in Remembrance**

**Permissive Conferral**

The EFC considered requests from Dentistry and Urology and both were unanimously approved. President Berman will so notify the Office of the Provost

**EFC Committee Reports**

**Elections** – Diane Huber, Mary Ann Rasmussen, Bill Silverman (Berman, ex officio)

Berman said discussions have begun and outreach has been made to Miriam Gilbert regarding the process guidelines and advice. Information regarding length of terms is on the website and members were asked to review their term status on the website.

Boe is an interim member of the EFC and will check with Cole regarding her intention to return to the Council. Her length of term remains unchanged despite leave.

Berman asked members to offer suggestions regarding potential candidates.

**Program –** Ana Diaz-Arnold, Sheldon Kurtz, John Westefeld. Iowa Athletic Director Beth Goetz in March, Andre Perry from Hancher in April. There are still looking for the May, possibly someone from the Labor Center or from the VP for Research Office. Stromquist volunteered to pursue with the VPR and the Labor Center. It was noted that Lauren Scott-Gilbert in VPR is the liaison to that office. It was also noted that President Wilson had to reschedule last year.

**Lecture Series** – Carol Scott-Conner, Shelton Stromquist, Tricia Zebrowski . Scott-Connor announced that the speaker for February Charles Connerly, has been rescheduled 2/22. His subject is “Iowa Faces the 60’s”. The March lecture will be given BY Leslie Schwalm, Professor Emeritus in History, on March 21st entitled: **“The search for race: Civil war medicine and science”**. Zebrowski is working on the April program. Further information can be found on the lecture website: <https://emeritus-faculty.uiowa.edu/efc-lecture-series-2023-24>

Webpage – Russell Lenth, Minnetta Gardinier, Bernard Sorofman. Lenth noted that the site has been updated with EFC member term information

**Liaisons to University Committees**

FRIC: Sheldon Kurtz & William Silverman. Silverman said the committee met last Friday. Costs continue to increase. University looking at benefit changes. Doing a pilot study on obesity and Rx options. Re our letter regarding clinics, GI is overwhelmed with appts a year out.

**Campus Planning:** Jacob Odgaard No report

**Guest Speaker Introduction:** Connie Berman introduced the guest speaker

**Guest Speaker:** Sam Helmick, Community and Access Services, Iowa

City Public Library

Helmick began by saying she was calling in from DM where she was representing the state library association and addressing some legislative concerns regarding the independence of libraries.

Helmick said she started with the IC library in Sept of 2020 after working at the Burlington, Iowa library. Her first challenge was to re-open the IC library post-covid. She observed that the Pandemic has changed the library system and libraries must develop and adopt a new way of providing services. One of her primary outreach activities is through the bookmobile now providing services at 31 sites/week. Each bookmobile visit includes 1200 items on board. In addition, people can go on line and ask for items to be on the BM. <https://www.icpl.org/services/bookmobile>

She also noted that the library provides at home services and has an agreement to serve the Johnson County jail. Her primary goal is to share good news about the library across the community.

Zebrowski asked how to get involved with the BM as a volunteer. Helmick said they do look for help with Special events. Helmick’s phone is # 319-850-2178 or [sam-helmick@icpl.org](mailto:sam-helmick@icpl.org)

Atchison asked about on the line services, Libby and Kanopy. Helmick also noted that Hoopla another resource for on line access.

Helmick talked about state legislation that would change tax policy on funding from “shall to may” and how funding could be imperiled. She referred people to the 1939 Library Bill of Rights for guidance on what libraries should be. She concluded that Iowa should be proud that it has more libraries per capita than any other state.

Berman thanked Helmick for her presentation and returned the EFC to the agenda. However, in order to accommodate new business, she asked that the following reports be deferred until the next meeting.

Faculty Senate and Council: Minnetta Gardinier & Mary Ann Rasmussen.

Hancher and Art Museum: Ana Diaz-Arnold & Bernard Sorofman.

Libraries: Russell Lenth & Diane Huber.

Parking and Transportation: Warren Boe & Carol Scott Conner.

President’s Committee on Athletics: John Westefeld & Tricia Zebrowski

Recreational Services: Christopher Atchison.

Research Council: Shelton Stromquist.

Senior College: Warren Boe –

UIRA: TBD

**New Business:**

As the liaison to the Research Council (RC), Stromquist has participated in the RC’s development of a survey regarding research needs for active university researchers. He has asked the RC to consider including Emeritus Faculty in the survey. He noted that the survey is still in development with the identification of those to be included. Thus far there has been about 30 percent response from DEOs with 45 individuals identified by DEOs. RC is open to having the EFC included, and the EFC could add questions. In anticipation of this possibility Stromquist has developed and shared with the EFC sample questions. On the floor is the question of whether the EFC wishes to participate and, if so, what questions we would like to include.

On the question the Council unanimously agreed to participate in the survey.

Stromquist then suggested a letter to the VPR with reference to the fact that EF members remain involved in research and survey might identify needs for support. (see his questionnaire)

Huber and Gardinier suggested two waves, one to find who are or wish to be engaged in research and then, what their needs are.

Sorofman suggested an inclusive strategy to garner the best response. Lenth expressed his hope to see the recognition of EF continuing to contribute to University research and hence the need for continued support.

Sorofman moved approval of Shelton’s suggestion and volunteered to help. Lenth seconded. The motion carried. Stromquist will send his draft to the full EFC for review.

**Berman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.**