

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT AUGUSTA SENIOR COLLEGE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

The Board of the University of Maine at Augusta Senior College met at 1:00 on Thursday, November 8, 2018 in Room 218 of the Randall Student Center. Present were Carole Baldwin, Marilyn Canavan, Pat Clark, Bob Dodge, Tom Feagin, Irene Forster, Colleen Foster, Shelly Gerstein, Elizabeth Humphrey, Bev Ludden, Debbie Maddi, Gene Moreau, Bob O'Halloran, Jane Paxton, Duane Prugh, and Elizabeth Reinsborough. Chair Carole Baldwin presided.

Poet laureate of the month was Tom Feagin.

Minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting were approved.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. 1 University Representatives – Pat Clark reported that accreditation is taking much time and energy, and the happy news that she is getting married in January! Work has been going on for some time at the main entrance and Bev said that this is all about a new sign that will be electronic replacing the marquee sign. In 2016 UMA architecture students created a design from which this final design was developed. It will incorporate some of the old YMCA granite. The Board asked that Bev remind Sheri Stevens of our request that there be a railing along the walk leading up to Klahr and the library. Klahr is hosting Everyday Maine, through December 14th, photographs that feature Maine's diversity. Danforth will be presenting The Is of Lis by Martha Miller that tells the story of living with traumatic brain injury in large mixed media paintings.

A. 2. Report of the Chair – There was none.

A. 3. Finance – Bob Dodge presented the October 2018 finance report. He said that total assets are now \$111,844.17 with sizeable expenses outstanding. This compares well with October 2017 and the committee is satisfied.

A. 4. Curriculum – Carole Baldwin reported that the Brown Bags are ready to go in January with some new presenters and a wide variety of topics. There are a wide variety of classes proposed for the spring made up of a mix of some repeats and some new. There is an interesting lineup of Granite Hill Lectures. Shelly Gerstein wants photos of instructors by December 1st for inclusion in the spring catalog.

A. 5. Public Relations/Newsletter – No report

A. 6. Concerts at Jewett– Irene Forster reported that the Leila Percy concert was disappointing and was not what the committee had been led to expect. Attendance was good, but we lost money. When Bev arrived no preparations had been made for the concert although the set-up order had been placed a couple of weeks ahead of time. In addition to this the auditorium was chilly. Bev has spoken with everyone involved and hopefully communication will improve and new staff will be aware. As a result of yet another problem with the piano (our gift to UMA), Greg Fahy has committed to being responsible for monitoring it and “watering” it. We’re grateful to Greg because this has been an ongoing concern. Work has begun on the next series of performers – three desirables have been identified and will be contacted.

A. 7. Office Volunteers – Duane Prugh is in the process of training Jerry Nault and Shelly Gerstein with the goal of turning all computer work over to them after years of setting this up and maintaining it himself. Shelly will be producing the spring catalog. Shelly is also at work on the website and envisions that eventually everything to do with Senior College will be available to everyone on the site. More and more will be available as time passes. Jerry is working with the database.

A. 8. Scholarship –Duane Prugh reported that there needs to be a new scholarship committee formed. One of the members needs to be an office volunteer.

A. 9. Nominations – Carole Baldwin said that the nominating committee needs to be revived. There was much interest in asking Jerry Nault (office volunteer, instructor) to become a Board member, but the by-laws say that a Board candidate needs to be nominated and then voted on at the Annual Meeting unless they are replacing someone who has

had to resign. Shelly Gerstein asked whether there was a problem with his attending meetings even though he was not a member, and there is not. He just could not vote.

A. 10. Forum on the Future – Debbie Maddi reported that the first forum of the season on civility went very well and ratings on the feedback forms bore that out. The next forum was Health Care for All on November 4th and that was successful. Second Amendment/ Gun Rights will be next on February 3rd. Work on Second Amendment and Poverty is ongoing.

B. OLD BUSINESS: Carole Baldwin said that the By-laws will be getting the necessary signatures

C. NEW BUSINESS: None.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

DATES:

ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND BOOK GROUPS LISTED ARE IN 218 RANDALL.

Nov.14, Wed – Forum Committee, 1:30PM

Nov. 15, Thurs. – Aging Onward Lunch and Learn, 11:30AM, 53 Katz

Nov. 18, Sun. – George Lopez concert, 2PM, 1PM pre-concert talk, Auditorium

Nov. 19, Mon. – Book Group I, 1 PM, Flight of the Sparrow by Amy Belding Brown

Dec. 6, Thurs. – Book Group II, 1 PM, The Radium Girls by Kate Moore

Dec. 10, Mon. – Curriculum Committee, 10AM

Dec. 10, Mon. – Concert Committee, Noon

Dec. 10, Mon. – Finance Committee, 2PM

Dec. 12, Wed. – Forum Committee, 1:30PM

Dec. 13, Thurs. – Publicity Committee, 11:30AM

Dec. 13, Thurs. – UMASC Board Meeting, 1:00PM

Dec. 16, Sun. – Don Campbell concert, 2PM, Jewett Auditorium

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Forster