

SMC Emeritus Student Advisory Council (ESAC) and  
Emeritus Student Union (ESU) Joint Session Meeting  
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 2:30pm  
Emeritus Main Campus, Room 408

## Minutes

### Attendance

Scott Silverman and Dee Dee Carter

**ESAC Present:** Al Barrett, Michael Baroff, Judy Blits, Nina Borwick, Walter Coronel, Jeanne Crawford, Marsha Franker, Jeff Hogue, Natalie Newman Jerry Schneir, Robert Stern **ESAC Absent:** Edie London

**ESU Present:** Judith Baines, Al Barrett, Jan Chesne, Harriet Epstein, Susan Freeman

### Approval of Minutes

The September 12, 2018 minutes were approved.

### Associate Dean – Scott Silverman

- (a) Scott had an icebreaker before starting the meeting.
- (b) Discussed ground rules: mutual respect, listen before speaking, raise hand when you have a comment or question, agree to disagree, acknowledge and test assumptions, and forward thinking for all Emeritus students
- (c) Discussed goals of joint meeting: Positive things that each bring, ways each can assist each other, and collective voice.
- (d) Associate Dean's Report
  - Heating and Air Conditioning (H&AC) – Complaints about the temperature in the Emeritus main campus rooms are being addressed. Some repairs have taken place. Currently, all thermostats are set at auto in each room and are being monitored. Scott has sensor gun to record temperature in the rooms. To install new thermostats in each room requires rewiring.
  - Emeritus gallery walls are being repainted.
  - Exercise room 308 has floor slippage problems that are being reviewed.
    - Scott was told carpeting is causing some slip and falls. Scott to review.
  - Podium light in Room 107 needs to be replaced.
  - Microphone problem in Room 107. Battery needs to be replaced often.
  - Art rooms to be systematically reviewed to improve current conditions.
  - Custodial consultant brought in to review SMC current conditions. Improvements to be implemented in January during the Winter session.
  - TV installations showing Emeritus news and events will be soon.
  - Scott is working on having classes at other sites. A class at Saint Monica Catholic Community Church/School is being considered for the Spring session.
  - Simulcasting lectures in other rooms at the Emeritus campus or other facilities is being worked on. Students need to be enrolled at Emeritus, so we can get credit for their attendance.
  - SLOs (Student Learning Outcome) are no longer on paper. Faculty will complete the SLOs rather than the students. Wording to be more functional. SLOs to have progress indicators.
  - On the Faculty Flex Day, instructors will be asked, "What do you want the curriculum to look like in 5 years?"
  - Working on SMC main campus and Emeritus students having an intergeneration discussion and brainstorming.
  - Fundraising consultant to review fundraising activity and processes at Emeritus and the SMC Foundation in December and January.

## **Emeritus Student Union (ESU)**

Harriet Epstein talked about the ESU. It is an independent membership organization that has been in existence for 5 years. Visit the website [www.emeritusstudents.org](http://www.emeritusstudents.org).

## **Events and Subgroup Reports**

- **Fundraising Subgroup** – Walter provided the following information:
  - Through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2018: \$125,364 donations, 948 donors, and 31.6% participation
  - \$6,000 in car donations have been received by the SMC Foundation
  - Year End donation letter has been mailed.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Subgroup** - Michael Baroff reported that they are coordinating with the Associate Dean on (1) identifying and supporting opportunities for outreach to community groups, and (2) brainstorming ideas for an Emeritus new student orientation program.
- **Winter Bus Trip** – Judy reported for Edie London. There is bus trip being planned for January 25, 2019 at the Getty Villa. Lauri is assisting with the bus arrangements. Marsha Franker and Carol Pudlin are working with Edie.

## **ESAC/ESU Group Discussion**

- ESU prepared questions for the ESAC that were answered and discussed. During this discussion time there were some questions and answers from all directions by both groups.
- ESU thought that ESAC only did fundraising. ESAC and ESU have some areas of overlapping interest. A few examples include curriculum, facilities, and parking.
- It was suggested that
  - robo calls be implemented for important events
  - ESAC minutes be posted on the Emeritus website
  - Emeritus students join SMC Emeritus on Facebook
- ESAC and ESU are both advocates for Emeritus students.
  - There are no future joint meetings planned at this time. However, the general consensus from those present was that the joint meeting was productive and should happen again, perhaps a couple of times per year.
  - Scott mentioned the possibility of having a retreat to discuss the pros and cons of exploring a combined effort. This could be separate from, and perhaps in addition to, any possible strategic planning retreat.

ESAC will discuss the proposed merger and joint retreat at their next meeting.

Harriet Epstein said that she would bring back to the ESU board the question of a possible merger and the proposed joint retreat.

## **Upcoming Events**

- US Securities & Exchange Commission Workshop – November 15, 2018
- Emeritus Art Gallery – The Ongoing Moment - November 15, 2018
- “The Movie Game” – Thursday, November 29, 2018
- Emeritus Concert Band – Sunday, December 16, 2018

The meeting was adjourned. The next ESAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2018 at 2:30pm in Room 407.