



SMC Emeritus Student Advisory Council
Meeting
January 8, 2020
2:30pm
Emeritus Main Campus, Room 407



Meeting Summary

Attendance

Scott Silverman

ESAC Present: Michael Baroff, Judy Blits, Nina Borwick, Walter Coronel, Jeanne Crawford, Marsha Franker, Dinah Hatton, Lee Kondo, Linda Rosenthal

ESAC Absent: None

Approval of November Meeting Summary

The November 13, 2019 meeting summary was approved by email and posted to the Emeritus website.

- The question was asked, "How many meeting summaries should be posted on the website?" The council agreed to the last 6 meetings. (The November 2018 meeting summary is to be removed from the website.)

Events and Committee Chair Reports for the Academic Year

The council decided for future meetings that all the committees will appear on the agenda. Committee chairs will have an opportunity to provide updates.

- **Bus Trips** – Marsha
 - The SMC bus has been obtained for the January 24, 2020 Winter Session bus trip to the Hollywood Museum. The committee is still working on getting a private tour. Sign up for this event is in person and includes a check for the event. Details to be posted.
- **Diversity and Inclusion** – Michael
 - An Open House event is scheduled for April 23, 2020 to acquaint, welcome and encourage new students to enroll in Emeritus courses. The event, which will occur prior to the Student Art Exhibit Opening in the Gallery, will include a presentation by Scott, a tour of the facility and an opportunity for people to network with each other. This is the first step for implementing the Orientation Program that Scott has requested the Committee to assist him with.
 - On January 20th, Santa Monica will be celebrating Martin Luther King at the SGI-USA World Peace Ikeda Auditorium. The Emeritus Diversity and Inclusion committee will participate with SMC at the Community Involvement Fair held at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel.
- **Fundraising** – Walter
 - SMC Foundation is finalizing the year-end donations numbers.
 - Walter will be contacting the California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) for a fundraising event to include more locations. The time frame of this event is to be determined.
- **Student Feedback** – Dinah
 - Dinah is writing a Student Feedback article for the Spring Emeritus Voice.
 - Scott asked the Student Feedback committee to watch the TV on the 4th floor and give him feedback. Linda volunteered for this task.
- **Emeritus Student Program** – Nina
 - Scott has been provided with additional ideas for consideration and faculty review. The focus in the next 6-10 months is short programs/workshops.

- **Advocacy** – There was nothing new to report, because the committee has not met since the November 13, 2019 ESAC meeting due to personal obligations of the Chair.

Other Discussion:

Lee, a member of the ESAC and the Advocacy Committee, spoke to his efforts to revise the 2013 Advocacy report on the value of older adult education that the committee had produced over the past years. Lee also spoke to his concerns about the roles, responsibilities and functions of the ESAC, its membership, and its relationship to the Associate Dean as outlined in the ESAC Handbook. Council members admonished Lee for “going out of bounds” in inappropriately sending emails on these topics to the Council and SMC Administration and not abiding by the decision presented at the November 2019 meeting that “a paper supporting the benefits of lifelong learning for older adults will be outsourced and written with support of the committee”. It was also explained to Lee, in regard to the Handbook issue, that he did not fully understand precedents set by SMC as to the organization and function of the ESAC in relation to SMC, and the Associate Dean of Emeritus.

Associate Dean’s Report – Scott Silverman

- NPR is on the 3rd Street Promenade January 6 thru February 7, 2020. They are recording in front of the old Barnes and Noble location at the north end of the 3rd Street Promenade. NPR (StoryCorps) is recording stories/interviews of people in the community including Emeritus students’ stories.
- Classes for the Winter session will be cancelled if the instructor is sick. Scott’s administrative assistant is on medical leave and won’t be available to find a sub for the instructor.
- Scott is meeting with Facilities on a regular basis and has a list of items to be completed at the Emeritus campus.
- AV equipment has been updated in rooms 407, 408, 409, 304, 308, 208. Instructional cameras have been installed in some of the rooms. This will accommodate class overflows or the ability to show the class in offsite locations.
- In the Fall Schedule of Classes, performance-based classes will be noted such as the Emeritus Players and Emeritus Concert Band.
- Scott mentioned during the chairs’ reports an upcoming event possibility is a social get together to celebrate milestone birthdays.

ESAC Handbook 2019-2020 Academic Year (AY)

The proposed changes to the ESAC Handbook were reviewed and discussed. No final decisions were made. Review and discussion will continue at the next ESAC meeting on March 11, 2020.

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- January 13-17, 2020 Spring Online Enrollment
- Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Emeritus Art Gallery – Last day of the Ongoing Moment Art Exhibition
- Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 1:00pm curtain – Emeritus Players, Scenes from Film and Theatre at the Broad Stage (1310 11th Street), free admission and free parking
- February 2, 2020 Emeritus Concert Band at the Broad Stage (1310 11th Street) at 3:00pm curtain, free admission and free parking
- February 18, 2020 Spring Semester begins

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 2:30pm at the Emeritus Campus in room 407.

The meeting was adjourned.