**HUMBOLDT-ERFSA Executive Committee Meeting, August 1, 2023, Meeting Notes**

**In attendance:** Marshelle Thobaben, Jeffery Borgeld, James Floss, Susan Dobie, and Ken Fulgham. Sadly, Bernadette Cheyne was not in attendance due to the further degradation of her health. The Executive Committee expressed their love and concern.

# **Luncheons:** Marshelle sent the Fall Luncheon presenters’ memo to the listserv on July 21st: *ERFSA-Humboldt Fall 2023 Luncheon Program at the Arcata Baywood Golf & Country Club and on Zoom—changed to Tuesdays 11:30—1:00pm*.

**September 12: Honoring Rowing Coach Weise, Assistant Coaches Hyland & Donnell & crew students.** *Journey to the National Rowing Championship and Invitation to the White House's Inaugural College* *Athlete Day.* Humboldt earned its invitation to this year’s White House’s Inaugural College Athlete Day, which seeks to celebrate the NCAA’s national champions across all divisions and sports after winning the NCAA Division II title on May 27 at Cooper River Park in New Jersey, where the Jacks snagged gold in both the Fours and Eights grand finals. The victory brings the third national title in program history back to the North Coast.  [https://humboldtathletics.com/sports/womens-rowing](about:blank)

**October 10: AVP Michael Fisher, Facilities Management & CNRS Dean Eric Riggs**. *Status o*f *Cal Poly Humboldt’s New and Projected Physical Facilities.* Updates on Cal Poly’s new and projected physical facilities: housing project at Craftsman Mall, engineering and technology learning community building, Eureka research lab (offshore wind lab) and Marine facilities and sustainability and microgrid center. [https://www.humboldt.edu/about/polytechnic/infrastructure-projectsExi](about:blank)

**Tuesday, November 14: Cal Poly Professor Emerita Betsy Watson, UC Davis Retired Professor Mark Thurmond and Humboldt County Growers Alliance (HCGA) Policy Director, Ross Gordon.** *The Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative (HCRI), A Controversial Voter Initiative that will appear on the March 5, 2024, Ballot in Humboldt County.* **Two opposing presentations on the controversial**Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative (HCRI**) to amend the Humboldt County General Plan to protect residents, landowners, and our beautiful natural environment from harm caused by large-scale industrial cannabis cultivation will be given.  Links to the opposing views can be found at:** <https://cannabisinitiative.org/>;  <https://www.nohcri.com/>

**December 12: Executive Director Emma Breacain**. *Humboldt Literacy Project.*Humboldt County has an estimated 13,800 adults who are functionally illiterate, reading below a fifth-grade level. Another 23,000 people in our county read below eighth-grade level. Since 1981, Humboldt Literacy Project has been working to raise the level of literacy in Humboldt County and improve the quality of life in our community. [https://www.humboldtliteracy.org/](about:blank)

The administration requested ERFSA create its own Zoom account for the luncheons which for now is untenable; we need Cal Poly support. Two ERFSA members will bring PC laptops with HDMI outputs for presenters to use for presentations on the large-screen TV monitor at Baywood Country Club. James agreed to purchase a 50-foot HDMI cable for that purpose. We will encourage presenters to bring their own PCs. If they have an Apple Computer, they should bring their presentations on a USB stick for provided PCs.

After discussion, it was decided that Jeffery will clarify the luncheon options with the Baywood General Manager. The current menu can be perused here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/4vj19ds6xdeva2c4xb7jc/Baywood-menu-1.jpeg?rlkey=avez3se1aoxvx1l3emlxjy7ya&dl=0](about:blank)

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/7omm7bz6bxig8ejn2ge67/Baywood-menu2.jpeg?rlkey=l34uk0sxqcyc37g3tkzx6n7g0&dl=0](about:blank)

**Spring Presenters:** Susan has taken up the mantle of coordinating the spring schedule of presenters for our luncheon series. Individual Executive committee members in contact with Spring presenters will send all information through Susan who will have final say on the date for the presenter. Ken suggested Mr. Alderon Laird an expert in sea level rise (*and storage of fuel rods at PG&E Buhne Point: see:* [44feetabovesealevel.com](about:blank)) and the new Chief of Staff of Cal Poly Humboldt. Marshelle suggested Provost Jenn Capps. James suggested a representative of the condor release program being conducted by the Yurok Tribe. Susan will peruse our small grant recipients for future presentations.

**Communications**: ERFSA membership will soon receive official information on our venue change, Baywood menu options, and lecture line-up. Our luncheons have shifted to Tuesdays. James will disseminate a press release soon.

**Treasurer’s report**: Humboldt Area Foundation Endowment Account: This is used to support our Small Grants Program each year for tenure track faculty, plus lecturers and staff with less than 5 years of experience at HSU.

Reported balances are for Quarter 1, which begins July 1st

* 2018 $37,100.48
* 2019 $46,078.04
* 2020 $42,566.46
* 2021 $51,887.87
* 2022 $43,952.56
* 2023 $48,336.63

Variations in values reflect realized and unrealized capital gains, fees, interest, and Small Grant Program awards, plus market fluctuations.

Cal Poly State University Humboldt Financial Services Account, TV012: This is used to support our expenses within the University and any luncheon chargebacks for underattendance to our guarantee.

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* July 10: $175
* July 17: $275 (New membership fees)
* July 24: $4,160.81 (restored from the previous year)
* July 31: $4,173.21

**Membership**: Jeffery reported that we have 14 paid members for the fall semester. A reminder to re-up will be sent out in mid-August along with an announcement of our fall presentation series and our new venue and lunch options. James suggested we try to encourage greater membership in ERFSA.

**Web Page**: We continue to try to keep erfsa.humboldt.edu relevant and accurate. We can no longer rely on Mary Watson to maintain our website as she has left her position. Patrick from the Provost’s office has helped with the website since the ASC resigned. Some of our buckets, concerning applying for emeritus status forms, were updated or upgraded.

We want to get a picture of the ERFSA Executive Committee for the website and official communiques.

# **Emeritus Status:** There have been difficulties with staff not getting Emeritus Status Cal Poly ID cards and parking permits, which Marshelle solved with the administration.

# *On July 28th* Marshelle sent the notice: *Emeritus Status Nominations for Retired Tenured Faculty, Lecturers, Staff and Administrators Are Due to the Senate Office by September 1, 2023. Please Send Your Nominators Your Informational Template by Aug. 15th. To the ERFSA Listserv*.

# She will send a reminder to the ERFSA listserv of the dates the ES nominations are due next week.

# *She reminded the Provost Office that the ES notice should be sent to the campus community.*

**Grant Program:** There are no plans for a fundraiser this AY.

--Submitted by James Floss, Thursday, August 3, 2023