

HUMBOLDT-ERFSA Executive Committee Meeting, October 13, 2022, Meeting Notes

In attendance: Marshelle Thobaben, Jeffry Borgeld, James Floss, Bernadette Cheyne, Susan Dobie

Zoom Luncheons: Attendance for the November presentation, Steve Madrone, was light (12) but a wonderful presentation. 16 were in attendance for the December presentation by Rees Hughes. There was a great PowerPoint presentation about the Pacific Coast Trail, followed by readings from his latest book, *Crossing Paths* by Rees, and James Floss.

Meetings: There was no ERFSA Executive Committee meeting in November.

Spring Presenters: Bernadette and others expressed a desire to return to in-person luncheons. The cost for them is significant with at least 20 attendees having to pay for lunch to break even. The pros and cons of the Plaza View Room as a venue were discussed. Among the cons were the noise levels and lack of technical support for PowerPoint and Zoom and a broken projector. Other venues were discussed, such as a Humboldt Area Foundation conference room with a catered lunch & Cal Poly Humboldt Aquatic Center. Susan will report on other potential venues by contacting university departments to see what restaurants/services they use for off campus meetings. The first presentation for spring is on February 8 so we need to decide on the restaurant soon.

Bernadette talked about the Spring line-up: February 9 will be a presentation and discussion with Allison Bronson, Lecturer in the Department of Biological Sciences. March 9 will be *On Shaky Ground – North Coast seismic history and emerging technologies for understanding earthquake risk* – a presentation and discussion with Lori Dengler, Emeritus Professor of Geology, co-director of the Humboldt Earthquake Education Center. April 13 will be a presentation and discussion with Matthew Marshall, Executive Director of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority. The fourth speaker, in May, has not been filled at this time. Possibility includes the new dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Cal Poly Humboldt, Jeff Crane.

Membership Update: We are at 47 members. 36 joined for the year. Jeff will contact the 11 about continuing their membership in the spring.

Treasure's report: There was no treasurer's report.

Grant Fundraiser: Susan reported that we are in a comfortable place, but she would like to continue our small grant program fundraising efforts into the spring.

Web Page: Susan recommended that members of the Executive Committee check their specific area of the website for potential updates.

Emeritus Status: Jeff zoomed in to the last FAC meeting where they discussed proposed changes forwarded by Provost Jenn Capps about granting her the authority to remove names from the list of emeritus candidates for cause. Jeff asked if there was precedent for this in other personnel activities on campus and the answer was, no. There was talk about the ability to

sanction emeritus faculty, but Jeff reminded them that they are already retired from the institution. Jeff requested that we be consulted before any final decisions are made. Marshelle pointed out that the fall slate of emeritus designees voted on by the Senate have not been notified yet; James corroborated that he had not received official notice of his emeritus status. The February 1 deadline for new retirees to apply for emeritus status is fast approaching. The policy is not being followed. We agreed that an in-person meeting would be preferable with the provost and senate chair Monty Mola preceded by a letter. Marshelle will draft a letter.

Delta Dental: No update on a potential solution between CSU/Cal Poly Humboldt and the local dentists accepting dental insurance.

Celebration: We plan to have a celebration for the donors, emeritus faculty, and our members in April.

--Submitted by James Floss, Monday, Dec. 19, 2022