

Emeritus Faculty Council Report (2021-2022)

The Emeritus Faculty Council (EFC) represents the Association of Emeritus Faculty (AEF). The 16 members of the EFC represent the Colleges of the University in a fashion proportional to the size of the Colleges, with the two largest Colleges, namely the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (with 5) and the College of Medicine (with 3) being the only ones with more than one member. Members of the EFC serve as liaisons to major University committees and organizations (examples including the Faculty Senate, Parking and Transportation, Campus Planning, and others). In recent years there has been a liaison to and from the UIRA. This year Sam Cochran was the liaison from the UIRA and Frank Mitros was the liaison to UIRA. The liaison system allows for transfer of information amongst these major groups. The EFC reports to the Provost's Office.

EFC year started in September with Miriam Gilbert (CLAS) finishing her year as President and Frank Mitros (College of Medicine) beginning his year in that office. Bill Hines (College of Law) was elected Vice President and President-Elect. Additional members of the EFC and meeting minutes can be viewed on the EFC website (emeritus-faculty.uiowa.edu).

A major focus during the year was finding ways to improve communication and activities amongst the three major independent but related organizations representing retirees in the University community, namely the EFC (AEF), the Senior College (SC), and the UIRA. There are distinct but overlapping members of these three groups with shared interests and goals. The firm establishment of liaisons between EFC and UIRA was a new and significant step. SC historically was formed by members of SC over 20 years ago and is sponsored by EFC. The relationship between SC and EFC has typically been maintained by a member of EFC also serving on the SC Committee (this past year, Mitros). Senior College adapted to the COVID pandemic by offering its courses via ZOOM, which has been successful, resulting in an increase in attendance. There has been a cautious move back toward hybrid courses and even some "in person only", but the plan is to continue a ZOOM option for most of the courses. This is due to the positive response of attendees since ZOOM alleviates problems with parking and mobility issues and ensures that everyone can have a front row seat. Because we became aware that many members of the Emeriti did not know how to access the SC and sign up for courses, we informed members of the email address for doing so which is listed here for your use (alumni.seniorcollege@foriowa.org).

There was also a series of lectures sponsored directly by the EFC which were given by ZOOM or were hybrid. These included: **Inside the Fences and Beyond the Bars: Higher Ed at Oakdale Prison – panel**, **Bull in a China Shop**, **Brazilian Choro Music – Maurita Murphy Marx**, **Centennial Tensions in Theatre Arts – Kim Marra**, **Empowering Domestic Violence Victims – Shelly Kurtz**. These presentations are available for viewing on the EFC website.

There were visitors to most of the EFC monthly meetings to enhance communication with important aspects of the University. These included representatives from Parking and Transportation, Information Technology, the College of Law (about free speech), the College of Education (Center for School Mental Health), and the College of Medicine (health issues pertinent to retirees).

The guest speaker at the Annual Meeting on May 16th was Professor Harleah Buck (PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN), Director of the Csomay Center for Gerontologic Excellence. She addressed the topic of a **Future of Optimal Aging and Well-Being for Older Adults and their Caregivers**.

In keeping with the main goal of the year, important aspects of the three main organizations (EFC, UIRA, SC) were presented and attendees were urged to avail themselves of the opportunities that each presented.

The next meeting of the EFC will be in September of 2022.

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