

Houston Baptist University Retirees Association

Minutes of April 6, 2018 Luncheon Meeting in Dillon II of the Hinton Building

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Chair, Dr. Don Byrnes. After he welcomed everyone, he offered the invocation.

As the "A Word from our Sponsor," Dr. Stan Napper, Dean of the College of Engineering presented information about the new College of Engineering. Beginning in the fall of 2018, three majors will be available in that college: Computer Science, Cyber Engineering, and Electrical Engineering.

After lunch, Assistant Chair Eloise Hughes introduced Dr. David Hoa's presentation about the Department of Student Success and Advising which is located in the Looper Learning Commons on the first floor of the Moody Library. After he overviewed data from the SSI (Student Satisfaction Survey) that highlighted positive data about students' perception of the department. Key people on his team then described aspects of the department's services and student success stories.. Christina Ramos described the TRIO program that supports first generation college students, students with financial needs and students with disabilities. Kimberly Ramos described the First Year Success Program that includes mentors and coaches. Margaret Humphries described the Academic Success Center that includes tutoring in 90 different subjects.

Dr. Don Byrnes then conducted the business portion of the meeting. It included the following.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report. Daton Dodson reported that there is a balance of \$150.00 in the University account and \$4,037 in our Retirees' Account.

Membership Officer 's Report. Shari Wescott requested that members examine the Retiree's Directories on the tables and notify her of needed changes..

Assistant Chair's Report. Eloise Hughes asked that ideas for future luncheon programs and words from our sponsors be suggested to the incoming Assistant Chair, Hugh McClung.

Election of New Officers

The following slate was proposed by the nominating committee and unanimously elected:

Chair	Eloise Hughes	
*Assistant Chair	Hugh McClung	
Secretary	Linda Brupbacher	
Treasurer	Daton Dodson	
Historian	John Hansen	
University Liaisons	Loree Watson and Candace Desrosiers	
*Hospitality Officer	Ruth Ann Williamson	
Membership Officer	Shari Wescott	
Representatives at Large	Jon Suter and *Mary Ellen Spore	*Indicates new officer

Decisions Regarding Increased Dues and Luncheon Costs

Based on a recommendation by the Board, it was unanimously decided to increase dues to \$15 for single members and \$20 for couples beginning in 2019.

Increases in the cost of luncheon meals to \$10 for those paying on line or sending checks to the treasurer in advance of the meeting and \$12 for those paying at the door were announced. Meals currently cost in excess of \$16 each, and the organizes this cost.

Thank You Gifts and Passing of the Gavel

Chair, Dr. Don Byrnes, passed the gavel to incoming Chair, Dr. Eloise Hughes. She then presented thank you gifts to Candace Desrosiers and Dr. Don Byrnes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Brupbacher, Secretary