

MINUTES OF THE FARBER FUND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2008

The annual meeting of the Farber Fund Executive Board was called to order at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2008 in Farber Hall (Old Main) by Chair Ken Tauke. Twenty-seven members and guests were present. Board members were Dick Brown, Donald Dahlin, Doyle Estes, John Fowler, Paul Erickson, Dusty Johnson, Mike Koehler, Drake Olson, William Richardson, Jamison Rounds, Ken Tauke, Paul Van Buren, and Steve Wilson. Among the guests were Department faculty members Mary Pat Bierle, Matt Fairholm, Shane Nordyke and Betty Smith. Students in attendance were: Tom Cota, Mandy Ellefson, Sean Flynn, Karl Giuseffi, Becky Haslam, E. J. Infanger, Liz Lias, Patrick Morrison, Morgan Peck, Kelsey Webb.

Chairman Tauke welcomed the members and guests. He asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the October 12, 2007 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Paul Erickson and seconded by Dick Brown.

Dr. William Richardson reported on the Farber Hall renovations. Broadcast quality cameras and supporting equipment have been installed in Farber Hall. Larry Rohrer gave a short presentation on the project. SDPB will use the equipment to rebroadcast almost all campus speakers throughout the state and, as requested, nationwide via C-SPAN. Doyle Estes pledged \$5,000 a year for each of the next five years to cover the first \$25k of this expense. The series of monthly programs planned by SDPB will be named after Doc and will also be a great way of keeping the USD name out there for potential students.

A discussion was held regarding liability insurance for the board members and/or the Farber Fund for the various student trips. The board members and officers have a coverage up to \$2,000,000, with a \$2,500 deductible. The cost to the fund is approximately \$1,200 annually.

Dick Brown reported Doc Farber's estate has been finalized and that \$1.6 million in property, cash and assets have been turned over to the University through the USD Foundation. Doc's books and letters have been moved to the W. O. Farber Collection in the I.D. Weeks Library. The artwork was taken to the USD Art Museum in the College of Fine Arts. Dr. John Day will be taking some items to Minneapolis to have them appraised; the expenses for this will be paid from Farber Fund #2. Farber Fund #4 was established primarily by Doc's estate. The fund is designated for four purposes: 1) to promote the publication of research and informational studies and to encourage both faculty and student involvement in these research studies; 2) to support faculty and student involvement in community and professional appearances at public meetings; 3) to support the Political Science League, student attendance at local and national political science meetings and the local USD chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha; 4) to provide facility support, maintenance costs, improvements and other expenses incurred in connection with the Farber House, which the USD Foundation has leased to the University.

It was reported that the contractor completed the Farber House renovation project in August and shortly thereafter the Government Research Bureau and the Graduate programs moved in. This involved three faculty members and one support staff person. The basement was set up for student meetings and graduate student research.

Mike Koehler talked about taking the Farber Fund to the “next level”. The Farber Fund has enjoyed tremendous success and reached a level many (likely even Doc) did not envision when the Fund was established in 1976. The greatest asset of the Fund is the USD political science students (both past and present). While the Farber Fund will continue to focus on current USD political science students and, among other things, provide funding for student internships and travel opportunities, it is likely the case that more can be done to involve former USD political science students in Fund activities and to foster alumni relations with graduates. Historically, these goals were accomplished by Doc, based on his frequent interactions with his former students. With his passing, the alumni relations component of the Fund is in need of new ideas and energy. The Board should solicit comments as to the future of the Fund, including but not limited to alumni relations, so that the Fund can reach the “next level.” Think of the possibilities! Mike said that alumni could e-mail comments to [farbfund@usd.edu](mailto:farbfund@usd.edu)

Chair Ken Tauke reported that the Administrative Committee would meet quarterly or have teleconferences. The group plans to meet in January to have a strategic planning meeting to prepare for the “next level” of the Farber Fund.

A discussion was held regarding changes to the By Laws. A motion was made by Dusty Johnson and seconded by Dick Brown to make the following addition to Section 5 of the By Laws:

Any member of the Farber Fund may submit their own or another person's name as a prospective member of Administrative Committee. Such a submission should be made to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee may include the names of members that have not been submitted in such a manner.”

#### **Current Language of Section 5:**

“Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee, chaired by the outgoing Chair, and consisting of the Chair-elect, the two most recent past Chairs who are willing to serve, and the Honorary Chair, shall nominate at least one candidate for each Officer or Member position that will be elected at the next annual meeting of the Board. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee shall be sent to the Board at least twenty days prior to the annual meeting.”

The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Richardson spoke about the Farber Fund trips, indicating that trips are given priority if the trip is led by department faculty and included class credits. Individual trips would be supported if the trip involved a true learning experience and included the learning of a language.

Students in attendance gave reports on their various experiences funded by ~~due~~ to the Farber Fund. They were: DC Study Tour – Kelsey Webb and Mandy Ellefson; MRI – Kelsey Webb; Democratic National Convention – Karl Giuseffi; Republican National Convention – Morgan Peck; Mock Trial – William Ney and David Whitesock; Russia – Morgan Peck;

Dr. Richardson reported that the Political Science Ph.D. program has been approved by the Board of Regents and the first class started this fall with nine students, six part time students and three full time students.

Dr. Richardson announced that two new faculty joined the staff this fall. Shane Nordyke will be teaching public administration courses and some political science courses. Robert Swan is a new faculty member in Criminal Justice.

The Nominating Committee's recommendation for administrative committee members was discussed. The Administrative Committee recommends that Mike Koehler, Drake Olson, and Jamie Rounds each be presented to the Executive Board as candidates for election to new two-year terms. Julie Johnson, Dusty Johnson and Stephen Wilson each have one-year remaining in their current terms. Ken Tauke is completing the first year of his two-year term as Chair. Dick Brown is completing the first year of his two year term as Chair-elect. A motion was made by Paul Erickson to accept the nominations and it was seconded by Doyle Estes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. so the members could attend the traditional Farber Fund reception at the Neuharth Center.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Richardson, Recording Secretary