

MINUTES OF THE FARBER
FUND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 01, 2010

The annual meeting of the Farber Fund Executive Board was called to order at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2010 in Farber Hall (Old Main) by Chair Dick Brown. Thirty one members and guests were present: Dick Brown, Andrew Christiansen, Donald Dahlin, John Fowler, Paul Erickson, Dustin Johnson, Drake Olson, Ed Pluimer, Larry Pressler, Paul Remmes, William Richardson, Jamison Rounds, Jerad G. Sauer, Ken Tauke, Paul Van Buren, Robert Walz, and Stephen Wilson. Among the guests were Department Faculty and staff members Mary Pat Bierle, Cheryl Hovorka, Eric Jepsen, Sandy McKeown, Shane Nordyke, Timothy Schorn and Betty Smith. Students in attendance were: Darren Hedlun, Laura Hofer, Katie Konda, Patrick Morrison, Morgan Peck, Lindsay VanBeek and Jordan Weber.

Chairman Brown welcomed the members and guests. He asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the October 9, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Ken Tauke to approve the minutes that was seconded by Paul Van Buren.

Dr. Richardson reported that the verification of Executive Board Membership, which includes Life, Active and Junior members, was updated by using the financial report from the USD Foundation. The members that did not meet the requirements of Farber Fund Bylaw 2.1 were notified by a letter from Dr. Richardson. The requirement is that Life Executive Board Members must have contributed \$5,000 or more to the Farber Fund; Active Executive Board must have contributed \$1,000 or more with \$300 within the past three years; and Junior Executive Board Members under 35 years of age must have contributed \$300 during the preceding year. Name tags have been printed up for the members of the board that have voting privileges.

Dr. Richardson reported that the Political Science League has taken on the responsibility of producing the Fall and Spring Farber Fund Newsletter. The group receives \$500.00 for each edition from the administrative portion of Farber Fund #1 and the money is used for various group projects.

A proposal to move Doc's statue was discussed and it was announced that the Administrative Committee proposes to leave the statue in its present location and enhance the area with landscaping and possibly a bench. Dr. Richardson will contact various agencies to come up with a design and cost for the project.

Dr. Richardson reported that the Scholarship and Awards Committee, made up of department faculty, not only makes recommendations for the department's scholarships and awards but serves in an advisory capacity to the Chair in distributing the Farber Fund. The committee currently consists of Mary Pat Bierle, Chair, William Anderson, Eric Jepsen, Sandy McKeown and Betty Smith.

The disbursement of Farber Fund #4 a-d, mainly the MOU for the Funding of Political Science Student Organizations, was discussed. The proposed division of the budget for FF#4c is as follows: (This division of the Fund would be proportionally replicated in future years.)

1. \$5,000+ reserved for student presentations at professional conferences/meetings
2. \$7,000+ divided among officially recognized POLS student organizations on the basis of submitted Planning Forms
 - a. At least \$2,000 of that \$7,000 reserved for PSL (but it has to submit competitive plan to receive all of it)
 - b. At least \$2,000 of that \$7,000 reserved for PSA (but it has to submit a competitive plan to receive all of it)
 - c. Balance of \$3,000 divided among all of the other POLS student organizations on the basis of competitive plans vetted by faculty
 - d. Any funds unallocated on the basis of competitive plans available for additional student travel to conferences or meetings.
 - e. Any unused funds at the end of the annual budget cycle are returned to the Foundation for re-invested in the capital of FF#4.

Students in attendance gave reports on their various experiences due to the Faber Fund. They were: Holocaust Study Tour – Darren Hedlund and Katie Konda.

Domestic Trips included DC Study Tour – Jordan Weber; Model United Nations – Patrick Morrison; Mock Trial – Lindsay VanBeek; American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) – Katie Konda.

Laura Hofer gave a report on the activities of the Political Science League (PSL) which included hosting a speech by Theda Skocpol in the Spring of 2010. Dr. Skocpol met with students and faculty in small groups, spoke in several classes, and made a presentation in the MUC Ballroom.

Dr. Richardson spoke about the proposed Farber Fund trips that will be led by department faculty for class credit. The trips include the Washington, DC Study Tour, Morocco Study Tour, Caribbean Study Tour and Turkey Study Tour.

Dr. Richardson announced that Lila Rucker of the Criminal Justice Faculty will be retiring in December; Robert Swan resigned and moved to another university; and Jamison Rounds' position was eliminated due to budget cuts.

Dr. Richardson reported that this fall three PHD students will be taking their Comprehensive Exams, which will include three days of written exams and, two weeks later, a round of oral exams.

Dr. Richardson reported that the ninth session of South Dakota Girls State was held the end of May with 445 girls registered. The Farber Center is the campus host.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. so the members could attend the traditional Farber Fund reception in the Al Neuharth Center Concourse.

Respectfully submitted,
William D. Richardson, Recording Secretary