

**MINUTES OF THE FARBER FUND
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2015**

The annual meeting of the Farber Fund Executive Board was called to order at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2015 in Farber Hall (Old Main) by Chair Jerad Seurer. Thirty-three members and guests were present: Lance Bultena, Gary Conradi, Paul Erickson, Tim Johnson, Patrick Morrison, Ted Muenster, Russell Olson, Paul Remmes, William Richardson, Matthew Tysdal, Paul Van Buren and Lynn Von Koch Liebert. Among the guests were Department Faculty and staff members Mary Pat Bierle, Bridget Diamond-Welch, Ed Gerrish, Cheryl Hovorka, Eric Jepsen, Sandy McKeown, Shane Nordyke, Tim Schorn and Betty Smith. Students in attendance were: Catherine Dougherty, Hannah Fullenkamp, Hailey Jeratowski, Josh Jorgensen, Casey Matthiesen, Gabby Metzger, Teagan McNary, Billy Nuss, Malachi Petersen and Emily Wall.

Following introductions, copies of the minutes from the October 10, 2014 meeting were distributed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented.

Dr. Richardson reported the Administrative Committees will have a new role in reviewing Farber Fund applications and Faculty Led Trips assisted with Farber Fund. A three person subcommittee will be formed and they would review and approve trips. The subcommittee will include one Political Science faculty member.

Dr. Richardson also reported alumni will be assisting with student trips. They will help structure and lead a trip and it would provide a great opportunity to connect students with alums. Patrick Johnson offered to assist Dr. Elizabeth Smith with the France Study Tour in May 2016. Lynn Von Koch Liebert will be organizing the Washington, DC Study Tour in 2016.

Dr. Richardson announced the possibility of reinvesting the roll-over unused funds from Farber Fund #1 back into the Farber Fund #1 endowment at the end of the fiscal year. Currently the unused funds from Farber Fund #4 are reinvested in to the Farber Fund #4 reinvestment. The Administrative Committee recommended that this be left to the discretion of Dr. Richardson.

Dr. Richardson talked about the revision of the Government Research Bureau's mission. Faculty will not be doing individual grants but changing to a course based approach focusing on research to inform Legislative Research Council and state decision makers. This option would completely change the current structure and approach of the GRB. Instead of hiring students to work on research projects, primarily in the summer, they would participate in research teams of 3-4 students as a part of a legislative/policy research class. Each semester student teams would select from an array of policy topics that are currently of interest to the South Dakota Legislative Research Council. The research projects would likely include of large-scale literature reviews on available research pertaining to specific policy areas, comparative state

analyses, and analysis of existing data sets. The final project reports would be designed to inform state decision makers in the legislature or state agencies about specific policy directions. For example, when the legislature is considering or anticipating that a policy change will be up for discussion in the next session, students would prepare an exhaustive analytical summary of existing research pertaining to that policy area to inform the discussion. The course could also likely allow students to take on one issue per semester of their own choosing. The class would be limited to 12-15 students and students would need instructor permission (and completion of information literacy) to enroll. Students would present their research projects in Pierre and at IdeaFest. The top student projects will also be submitted for presentation to regional and national academic conferences. When appropriate, high quality final reports will also be submitted for peer review publication.

Other Details:

- Students performing in the top 5% in the Information Literacy course will have first preference to enroll in the course.
- Students can enroll for both a Fall and Spring section of the course after they have completed Information Literacy. (The course could also be offered as a year-long course or the second semester could be taken for zero credit).
- Students who have already successfully completed the course, but would like to continue to work on similar projects, will be invited and encouraged to volunteer to serve as team advisors in the following year. They would attend the class once a week to help advise current groups.
- If there is interest, we could also think about how to best incorporate interested Graduate students into the course design.
- Ideally this would become a prestigious and sought after opportunity for students. We would utilize existing Farber Fund resources, including the Journal of Public Affairs, to allow students to present at conferences and publish their findings.

Dr. Richardson reported that the current graduate student enrollments include 185 MSA, 24 MPA, 12 MA, 45 EMPA, and 27 Ph.D. The undergraduate student enrollments include 226 Criminal Justice, 40 International Studies and 132 Political Science.

Dr. Richardson announced that Dr. Eric Jepsen has agreed to take off the Political Science Internship Program due to the retirement of Mary Pat Bierle, the current Political Science Internship Coordinator.

Dr. Richardson announced that Lynn Von Koch-Liebert and Peter Liebert have generously donated \$25,000.00 to the University of South Dakota Foundation to establish an endowed fund to be named the Mary Pat Bierle Scholarship Endowment to be awarded to students pursuing a degree in Political Science. The first scholarship will be awarded at the Political Science spring 2016 annual awards banquet.

A discussion was held about the Farber Fund financial reports that were distributed to the members and the usage of the funds for student trips.

Dr. Richardson reported the only international trip this past year was the Ireland Study Tour led by Dr. Shane Nordyke. The trip was May 12th to May 27th and fourteen students participated. There are two faculty led trips planned for the 2015-2016 academic year. Dr. Timothy Schorn will lead a group of students for the United Arab Emirates Study Tour in January 2016 and Dr. Betty Smith will be doing a France Study Tour in May 2016.

The domestic trips included the Model United Nations in Chicago, IL with Patrick Morrison leading the group and sixteen students participating. There were twenty-four students participating in Mock Trial. Sandy McKeown served as faculty advisor for the Mock Trial competition, assisted by Andy Fick. Dr. Tim Schorn let a group of nineteen students to attend the Middle Eastern Conference at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA. Three graduate students attended the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) conference in Chicago, IL.

Students in attendance gave reports on their various experiences that had been assisted by the Farber Fund. They were: Catherine Dougherty – summer internship Amtrak, Washington, DC; Josh Jorgensen – summer internship American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC; Casey Matthiesen – summer International Studies Abroad, Florence, Italy; Hailey Jeratowski and Billy Nuss – Ireland Study Tour May 2015; Emily Wall – Model United Nations Conference, Chicago, IL; Hannah Fullenkamp and Gabby Metzger – Mock Trial Team.

Dr. Richardson reported the Criminal Justice Club members polished and waxed the Doc Farber Statue as a fundraiser for the club. The funds will be used to bring in speakers and various social club activities.

Dr. Richardson reported that two new faculty members were hired. Dr. Edwin Gerrish will be teaching Political Science courses and Dr. Bridget Welch-Diamond will be teaching courses in the Criminal Justice Studies.

Cheryl Hovorka reported that the fourteenth session of the South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary Girls State was held on campus the first week in June. The week long session brings in girls from all over the state of South Dakota to experience a week of intensive training in citizenship and government. The girls have just finished their junior year of high school and have one at least one semester of high school remaining. The Farber Center is the campus host.

The Nominating Committee's recommendation for administrative committee members were discussed. Patrick Johnson, Paul Remmes, and Paul Van Buren have completed their two-year terms as members of the Administrative Committee and rotate off. (Each of these members has served two consecutive two-year terms and, under the By Laws, must now be out-of-office for at least a year before being eligible for additional terms.) **Matthew Tysdal** completes his first two-year term at the conclusion of the October 2nd meeting but is eligible for re-election. **Russell Olson, Lynn Von Koch**

Liebert, Charles Boettcher and **Tim Johnson** each have one year remaining in their current terms. The Nominating Committee recommends that the following four nominees be elected to two-year terms on the AC: **Brendan Johnson, Siri Buller, Matthew Tysdal,** and **Kelsey Webb Smith.** **Jerad G. Seurer** completes his two-year term as Chair with this meeting and **Dusty Johnson** then transitions to a two-term as Chair. The Nominating Committee recommends that **Tim Johnson** be elected to a two-year term as Chair-elect and that **Meghan Dilges** be elected to fill the remaining year of his two-year term on the Administrative Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Richardson, Recording Secretary