

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
RETIRED FACULTY-STAFF ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2015; Connally Ballroom, Etter-Harbin Alumni Center

MINUTES: President Nancy Payne made the following announcements: Good morning! Please take a seat at any table. RFSA Board members and Interest Group leaders are seated at several tables with a place card indicating their location. Join them and get to know more about the areas they represent. Wine is available at the bar in the back of the room.

Remember to get your parking ticket validated. And be sure you received a ticket for the drawing for Dr. McKetta's generous Attendance Awards. Tickets are available at the nametag table. Enjoy your lunch.

OPENING REMARKS: President Nancy Payne welcomed everyone to the fall meeting of the Retired Faculty-Staff Association. President Payne introduced herself as a 30-year career member of the The University of Texas System and as the new president of RFSA.

President Payne stated how we are all appreciative of the tremendous support we receive from the Texas Exes. RFSA could not function without their help, not only for the use of this fabulous facility, but most especially for the continued support provided by Carol Barrett and the Texas Exes staff. We meet here for events like today, your Board meets here and one of our Interest Groups gathers here as well. We are especially grateful to our host for today's luncheon, President Fenves. The President's Office and the Texas Exes play major roles in the success of our organization.

RFSA annually gives up to 16 scholarships to UT students. Eleanor Moore, Scholarship Chair, introduced the students who were able to attend this meeting and asked each to stand: David Davis, Andrew Faris and Jeremiah Lee.

Cecil Martinez, president-elect, introduced the sponsors who were attending this meeting and asked each to stand: Rox Covert, Covert Chevrolet, Buick and GMC; Denise Bradley and Kerry Garrison, Saint David's Healthcare; Sytha Gustafson Minter, Horizon Realty Austin; Linda Payn and Mariah Harris, University Federal Credit Union. Additional RFSA sponsors include Bug Master, Stan's Heating and Air Conditioning, Karavel, Westminster and Mr. Appliance.

Cecil Martinez asked everyone to consider shopping and consulting with our sponsors and asked us to thank them for their support of RFSA. President Payne also thanked our sponsors for their generous support. Because of our sponsors, we are able to give the scholarships to UT students.

President Payne stated that we are celebrating the 100th birthday of our Treasurer Emeritus, Dr. John McKetta, a man who has held many titles at UT. He not only claims our friendship but also that of President Gregory Fenves. President Fenves indeed hit the ground running this summer, taking on a list of difficult problems; he handled them quickly and successfully. Dr. Fenves actually joined the UT Austin Engineering faculty as an Assistant Professor before joining the faculty at UC Berkley for 20 years. He served as Chair of the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering at Berkley from 2002-2007. In 2008, he was appointed Dean of the Cockrell School of Engineering at UT Austin. His next appointment was as UT's Executive Vice President and Provost. I am delighted to present The University of Texas at Austin's 29th president, Dr. Gregory Fenves.

President Fenves talked about the community of UT and stated we, the retired faculty and staff, are an important part of the UT community, as well as alumni, current students, faculty and staff. Dr. Fenves also talked about his three areas of emphasis as stated in his inaugural "State of The University" address on September 17, 2015: educational mission, research mission and the Dell Medical School.

President Fenves then talked about Dr. McKetta, mentioned several important occasions for Dr. McKetta and related Dr. McKetta's warm welcome to then Dean Fenves after he returned to UT Austin. As he concluded, UT Theatre and Dance student, Christopher Montalvo, sang an inspired version of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" with lyrics tailored to honor Dr. McKetta and then led the entire RFSA group in singing "Happy Birthday".

Dr. McKetta, along with his son, Mike, and UT mascot, Hook 'Em, moved to the podium and Dr. McKetta presided over the drawing for the 5 McKetta Attendance Awards of \$200.00 each. Dr. McKetta generously funds these Awards at our annual Fall and Spring meetings. The lucky ticket holders included Angela Crisara, Laura Gracy, Helen Spear, David Edwards and Lynne Lange.

The RFSA Board unanimously agreed to transfer \$10,000 to our Scholarship Endowment to honor our two centenarians - Dr. McKetta

and Dr. Berry for their very special 100th birthdays. Congratulations to both of our ever so special friends.

President Payne also mentioned the special decorations in the room honoring Dr. McKetta including special quotations on each table, a display of photos and other memorabilia from the McKetta Study Room in Engineering and many orange, white and silver 100 balloons.

BUSINESS MEETING: President Payne asked all new retirees and those attending their first RFSA meeting to stand. She welcomed all and gave a special welcome to her fellow UT System retirees.

President Payne introduced members of the Executive Committee:

President-elect: Cecil Martinez

Secretary: Corky Hilliard

Treasurer: Clemith Houston

Treasurer Emeritus: John McKetta

Historian: Barbara Frock

Historian Emerita: Martha Boyd

Members-at-large: Terry Martin, Ruth Rubio and Barbara W. White

Past-president: Peggy Mueller

Activity calendar editors: Barbara and George Frock

Magazine editor: Tany Norwood

Membership co-chairs: Peggy Kruger and Peggy Mueller

Photographer and IT: Miles Abernathy

Scholarship chair: Eleanor Moore

The minutes of the Spring 2015 meeting are posted on the RFSA website. There were no additions or corrections and were accepted as posted. President Payne gave a special thank you to our former Secretary, Sharon Justice, for her service.

Clemith Houston, Treasurer, gave the financial report. RFSA's current balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$34,295.84. The market value of the Scholarship Endowment was \$653,517.00.

President Payne then talked about our organization with its wide range of activities designed to enrich the retirement experiences of members. This year we plan to add an opportunity for our members to volunteer with assisting the UT Cares Committee in making the special ribbons and bookmarks distributed during the UT Remembers programs in May.

President Payne discussed RFSA Interest Groups and asked chairs and co-chairs to stand and be recognized:

Travel Group: Carol Kay Johnson; with 26 adventurers going to Cuba February 18-26, 2016 and an August 21-28, 2016 trip to Eastern Canada.

Foodies: Sharon Justice; a new group of folks who are really interested in some fun places to "eat out" in Austin

Discussion: Alice Reinartz and Don Davis

Fine Arts: Deena Mersky

Finance and Investments: Phil Kelton and Pauline Lopez

Bridge: Bill Crook

Health: Carol Obianwu and Norm Minter

Exercise: Carolyn Wylie

See the Activity Calendar on the RFSA website and make certain we have your current email address for notifications of individual activities and presentations.

We are working with the Chancellor's schedule regarding a reception at the UT System Bauer House. Chancellor and Mrs. McRaven would like to be present and we are working with their schedules.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

The RFSA program and Fall 2015 Meeting concluded with singing of "The Eyes of Texas" with Barbara Myers accompanying on the piano.

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy Mueller (in the absence of Secretary Corky Hilliard)