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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FACULTY

August 2023
YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

FALL LUNCHEON

Tuesday - October 24th
Alumni Center Ballroom
11:00 am - Social; Noon - Lunch

Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research will be the Fall Luncheon Speaker. She will share “The State of Research at FSU”

Patterson oversees Florida State University’s research operation, which has more than $320 million annually in expenditures and more than 50 prominent research centers and institutes.

Patterson has spent the past 16 years in various positions in the University of Tennessee system. Starting in a joint role as a research scientist and a licensing associate, she ultimately rose through the ranks to be named the vice president for research, outreach, and economic development in 2017. She was the first woman to serve in this position in the history of the UT system.

Patterson earned her bachelor’s degree from UT Knoxville in biological sciences, followed by a master’s degree in environmental health science from East Tennessee State University and a doctorate in microbiology from UT Knoxville.
As we traveled by train from Amsterdam in the Netherlands to Lyon, France last month, I reflected on the changes seen by the countryside we traversed. Over 80 years ago now, that land was war torn and I tried to envision what it must have looked like with trenches dug, holes from artillery and mortar shells, the devastation of war. Before the war it was undoubtedly as beautiful as it is today. This musing ultimately led me to think again about the role of change in our lives.

Last August, as your President Elect, I wrote about the changes that have taken place at FSU in recent years and the excitement that comes with a sense of moving forward, achieving goals, advancing in the national spotlight in academics as well as sports. At that time, we had a new President, a new Provost, several new Vice Presidents and Deans, and were looking for a new head of the FSU Foundation.

Change is built into the DNA of a university; students matriculate and graduate, faculty members join our ranks, leave or retire, and, in due course, pass away; the university grows and adapts to a changing society. And yet, organizations like ARF not only embrace change but preserve memory and history as well. ARF has changed much since it was founded by Bernie Sliger in 1979, but it also represents the best of the university’s past. I hope ARF will continue to grow and advance along with FSU, that it will adapt as necessary to the changes occurring around us while offering a gathering place for retired faculty, administrators, and senior staff.

To that end, we will see some changes in ARF this year. Not only does the leadership change annually with our 3-year officer stream, but our committee membership renews as well. This year, Tom and Esther Harrison, who for over 10 years prepared name tags for ARF events and kept the ARF membership aware of the passing of our colleagues, decided it was time to step down from the Memorials committee. They plan to remain active ARF members but will no longer serve on the ARF Board. We owe Tom and Esther a debt of gratitude for their years of service to ARF, and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them. They will be hard to replace. Still, this type of change is the lifeblood of any organization, as turnover brings new ideas and approaches new ideas and approaches to long-standing traditions. Thus, I am pleased to announce that Lisa Waxman and Bernie Waxman have agreed to serve as the Memorials Committee. I am thrilled to welcome Lisa and Bernie to the ARF Board, and I would like to thank them for assuming responsibility for this valuable service. As we make the transition to a new Memorials Committee, please let us know of any deaths among retired faculty, administrators, and senior staff.

Another potential change that has been discussed is the name of our organization “Association of Retired Faculty” itself. Our By-laws state that membership is open to any "faculty member, executive service, and administrative staff member of the Florida State University and its direct support organizations who is retired…. Spouses of members and of deceased members are included in this eligibility.” Yet our name implies that membership is open only to retired faculty, and many FSU retirees who are eligible to become ARF members are not aware of that and do not join ARF. Therefore, with the approval of the ARF Board, I am going to appoint a Task Force to study this issue during the Fall Semester and bring recommendations for rectifying it to the January ARF Board Meeting.

Another issue that keeps coming up is the status of retiree benefits such as use of the FSU Libraries. Some of these benefits are enshrined in the UFF-FSU Collective Bargaining Agreement. During this academic year, we will review such retiree benefits to determine whether any changes have occurred with the passage of time. We will then publicize our findings so that all ARF members, indeed all FSU retirees, are aware of the benefits available to them as retirees of Florida State University.

Of course, ARF will continue to offer its usual array of activities, beginning with the Fall Luncheon. President Elect Pat Martin is planning an interesting and exciting line-up. In addition, former ARF President Larry Gerber is exploring possibilities for another road trip for ARF members! The ARF Calendar of events can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

We are looking forward to this ARF year, to socializing and learning, welcoming new retirees, and helping to carry on the traditions of FSU. Our efforts are made possible by the commitment of the Offices of the Provost, Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement, University Communications, and University Relations and by the dedication of you, its members.

Marilyn Young, President  
2023-24  
FSU Professor Emerita
August 25, 2023 - Friday - 2:00 pm

Board of Directors
- Alumni Center, Cottrell Meeting Room

October 24, 2023 - Tuesday

Fall Luncheon
Ball Room - Alumni Conference Center
11:00 a.m. Social; Noon - Lunch

A Reservation is required for Lunch

Monday, September 18, 2023 Jing Wang, Dean and Professor, College of Nursing

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Shayne McConomy, Teaching Faculty I, Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering

Lectures take place in the Bradley Reading Room at FSU’s Strozier Library Lunch is provided courtesy of FSU’s Office of Research. RSVPs are required for Lunch.

To RSVP, please visit https://www.research.fsu.edu/research-offices/ord/milton-carothers-lecture-series
Halloween Party at the Home of Sherry & Tom Hart (2656 Egret Lane) on Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Book Discussion Group
3rd Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m.
Contact Donna Meredith at meredithds@comcast.net

Lunch Bunch
1st Tuesday each month at 11:30 a.m.
Contact Annelise Leysieffer at aleysieffer@gmail.com

La Table Française - once a month
Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
Contact Annelise Leysieffer aleysieffer@gmail.com

Sprechen Sie Deutsch? - once a month
Sunday afternoons
Contact Annelise Leysieffer at aleysieffer@gmail.com
Welcome back to our first issue of the 2023 FSU Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) Journal. As you know, ARF provides opportunities to continue valued relationships with the University, serves as a conduit for information about upcoming events and supports connections with former and current faculty and their activities. It is an extended family that is strengthened by the fabric of collegiality. Please join us if you’re not already a member, and invite your retired friends to join us too, even if they have retired from other universities. New retirees have dues waived for the year of their retirement.

Our fall semester is full of social opportunities with good food and fellowship, and you can read all about them in the pages of this Journal. The Journal is also posted on our website. If you would like a hard copy of the Journal to share or have any questions about our organization, please contact me at bettyserow@yahoo.com.

I look forward to meeting you when we are socializing face to face.

Betty Serow, Chair
Membership Committee
bettyserow@yahoo.com

Greetings from Pat Martin,

In my view, a couple of issues seem worthy of our attention going forward and I’ll bring them to the Association Board in the coming months. If you have opinions about them (or anything else), please let me and other Board members know. Our members are listed on our webpage where you can find email links to all.

(1) Change the ARF name? I have heard rumblings that the name of our Association is unfair to retired senior administrative staff several of whom have served as ARF President and in many other capacities. And I expect and hope more will do so down the road. Please give some thought to the issue. How might our organization’s name be changed to more accurately reflect our membership?

(2) Academic titles for qualified retired faculty? Some universities have titles for retired faculty that allow them to continue applying for research funds &/or perform other “official” duties after retiring. While emeritus is a valued honorific title, other titles such as Research Professor do not tell funding agency staff that a person is ‘retired.’ In my view, valuable expertise and skills of emeritus faculty are lost when we deny them a title that reflects their interests, expertise, accomplishments and skills.

When I retired, I was on top of the literature in my field and could have been of great value to Ph. D. students who needed support and guidance with their dissertations. As you know, only if I were already on a Ph. D. committee could I continue to serve. I was not allowed to join a new committee after my retirement date. This was not (and is not) the case at many excellent institutions across the US and also at the University of South Florida, a recent AAU selection. Now that I am no longer current in the literature or writing much for publication, I would not be willing or able to serve. At the time, however, and for several years afterwards, I was

An example of a title at UC San Diego: The honor of being named a Professor of the Graduate Division (PGD) is available to UC San Diego retiring/retired faculty who are fully engaged in research and/or other departmental and campus activities and who wish to continue to contribute to UC and UC San Diego with distinction after their retirement from official active faculty status.

VP for Research: Professor Stacey Patterson: Please welcome our Guest Speaker for the October 24th luncheon: FSU Vice President for Research Stacey Patterson. Hear her assessment of where FSU stands and where she hopes we are aiming research-wise and introduce yourself to her!

ARF Fun Trips: If you have ideas for future “ARF Adventures” please tell our very own “Music Man” Professor Larry Gerber. Rumor has it he may have a new trip in mind. Our trip to Sarasota/St. Petersburg last January let us enjoy each other’s company in addition to multiple museums and meals. We also saw an inspirational stage play, “The Silent Sky.” This five-person play is based on the life-experiences of “woman astronomer” Henrietta Leavitt in the early 1900s, who was not allowed to actually view the skies through a telescope until near her death from cancer. This play is scheduled for a performance in the coming months at the Tallahassee Theater site on Thomasville Road.
A request: Think of any retired faculty/admin staff whom you believe would enjoy associating with us and invite them to our Fall Luncheon (October 24, 2023). If you can manage, treat them to their very first visit. Point out that FSU Transportation staff attend in the Fall to help with on-campus parking decals. Once they see how cheerful (and harmless) we are, they may be motivated to join. On the Sarasota trip, I kept thinking that “X, Y, and Z” would love being with us. (I told many people: We did not have a single unpleasant moment and we enjoyed the company of people we’d never met before.) I’ll bet you too have retired faculty/admin friends who would enjoy ARF fellowship, events, good food and great fun! Invite them . . personally to give us a shot! See you in October.

Pat Martin, President-Elect
&
AROHE Representative
2023-24
FSU Professor Emerita

Welcome to the 2023-24 academic year! It’s the onset of our third year with President Richard McCullough at the helm and our fifth year as one of the top 20 public universities in the nation. I am in my twentieth month as Provost. We are excited about what our university has accomplished, is achieving, and we continue to aspire to even greater heights. We are galvanized by the amazing team that President McCullough has developed, including brilliant leaders at the recently hired VP posts for research, marketing, and university advancement.

The Office of the Provost promotes excellence in all academic areas, fostering high-impact teaching, research-scholarship-creative endeavors, and public and scholarly service.

Here are highlights of great things we are doing.

• Welcoming over 220 New Faculty - We are attracting some of the most distinguished faculty in the country to our top-ranked programs across campus, including in the arts and humanities, the sciences, and the professions. Our faculty empower our students to accomplish their personal and professional goals. As researchers, scholars, and through creative works, they achieve groundbreaking and award-winning contributions to the world. Our faculty drive our success and are crucial

• for developing and implementing our exciting statewide initiatives, such as FSU Health in Tallahassee and Panama City Beach.

• Attracting the Best and Brightest Undergraduates – We received more than 70,000 applications for about 6,000 spots in this year’s freshman class. The Class of 2027 is the most academically accomplished in the university’s history. The new cohort includes more students than ever engaging with the expanded FSU’s Honors Program, the recently endowed Presidential Scholars program, and the nationally recognized Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE). We deliver a world-class education to our entire student body and they graduate at amazing rates-- no matter their backgrounds. FSU continues to be a hub of success for first-generation students. We have virtually eliminated graduation rate disparities across race, ethnicity, and income level. In addition, our growing ranks of excellent faculty and increasing research productivity are drawing more graduate students to apply and enroll, as FSU turns to more aggressively building out its masters, doctorate, and post-doc programming.

• Centers and Institutes – FSU centers and institutes provide outstanding faculty with the infrastructure and supplemental funding needed to excel in a highly competitive, international ecosystem. Through research, practice, and collaboration, our centers and institutes produce tens of millions of dollars in eco-
• nomic impact for the State of Florida while addressing global, national, and local issues toward improving the human condition. FSU continues to develop and support faculty hires for high-impact centers in quantum science, engineering, civil rights, indigenous studies, business, literacy, child welfare, autism interventions, innovative digital health, translational behavioral science, and global education—among many other fields.

• (For more information, see: https://www.fsu.edu/academics/centers.html)

• We welcome several new and accomplished leaders—David Springer (College of Social Work) as the new dean and the inaugural Guy & Delores Spearman Professor, Michelle Kazmer (College of Communication & Information), and Jonathan Fozard (Chief Information Officer). We continue to appreciate the crucial leadership of Interim Dean Alma Littles, M.D. (College of Medicine). The Office of Provost also is thrilled to welcome highly respected research and development experts into our ranks, including, Dr. Farrukh Alvi (engineering), Dr. Emily Pritchard (health), and Dr. Craig Stanley (social work and higher education). These seasoned leaders join our gifted Deans, Chairs, and Directors to help our office to advance some of its newest and most impactful programs.

• We wish every reader a wonderful new academic year, and I personally appreciate your ongoing support, encouragement, and counsel! As President McCullough is fond of saying, “We stand on the shoulders of giants,” i.e., you, our retired faculty and staff!

Jim Clark, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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4. University of Virginia (AROHE Member)
5. (#5 tie) University of Florida
6. (#5 tie) University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (AROHE Member)
7. (#7 tie) University of California, Santa Barbara (AROHE Member)
8. (#7 tie) University of California, Irvine (AROHE Member)
9. University of San Diego (AROHE Member)
10. (#10 tie) University of California, Davis (AROHE Member)
11. (#10 tie) University of Texas, Austin (AROHE Member)
12. (#10 tie) University of Wisconsin, Madison (AROHE Member)
13. (#13 tie) University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (AROHE Member)
14. (#13 tie) William & Mary
15. Georgia Institute of Technology (AROHE Member)
16. (#16 tie) Ohio State University (AROHE Member)
17. (#16 tie) University of Georgia (AROHE Member)
18. Purdue University, West Lafayette
19. (#19 tie) Florida State University, Tallahassee (AROHE Member)
20. (#19 tie) Rutgers the State University, New Jersey (AROHE Member)
21. (#19 tie) University of Maryland, College Park (AROHE Member)
22. University of Washington (AROHE Member)
23. University of Minnesota (AROHE Member)
AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations In Higher Education)

AROHE is the expert on retirement in higher education.
AROHE, founded in 2002, supports all phases of faculty/staff retirement through a dynamic member network that links retired faculty/staff associations, retiree and emeriti centers, and campus offices that engage retirees such as human resources, academic affairs, alumni, and advancement/development.

AROHE provides resources and connections to increase retirees’ value to their colleges/universities, communities, and professions in the areas of philanthropy, advocacy on behalf of the institution, volunteerism, and institutional knowledge and commitment.

The AROHE Travel Institute offers support for retirement organizations that wish to start or enhance travel programs for their retirees. In the future, we hope to also offer travel opportunities which we believe will be of interest to our membership. For more information, contact the AROHE travel committee chair, Cherie Hamilton at nimentamalageta@hotmail.com.

AROHE is grateful for our Travel Institute sponsor, Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT), the leader in small group adventures on the road less traveled. OAT is part of the family of travel companies owned by Boston-based Grand Circle Corporation, offering group tourism to Africa, the Arctic Asia, Central and South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.
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For the November issue of the ARF Journal, please submit your publications and professional activities by October 6, 2023 to: thart@fsu.edu

As a continuing feature, we are including photos of Officers and Committee Chairs with their articles. This has been added to help with any historical research in the future, since this information is added to our Website for each issue.

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Professor Emeritus
College of Information

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