NEO Executive Council Minutes

Monday, January 24th, 2022

Minutes
The minutes from December 20th, 2021 were approved.

Faculty Senate Report
Rick Cohn informed us about the recent Faculty Senate Meeting. Among the highlights were:

10% of students present in the Fall Quarter tested positive for COVID

A great deal of construction is going on, in particular the renovation of Jacobs Hall.

56 faculty chose early retirement. 71 slots are open to replace departing faculty.

$88 million was left over in the operating budget for FY 2021

The Endowment increased from $12.4 billion to $16 billion.

The Block Museum is hosting an exhibit entitled American Art against Anti-Black Violence.

Old Business
The Big Ten Retirees Association conference at Northwestern will be Monday, Aug. 1 – Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022.

Erv plans to write a letter to all new NEO members asking them to submit a picture and a brief bio.

It was suggested that at the upcoming Teaching Awards Ceremony, the Provost might pay tribute to NEO members who have won such awards in the past. Gina will look into this.

Barbara Newman will speak at the dinner meeting to be held in the Guild Lounge on Feb. 8, 2022. Her talk will be recorded.
Gina and Jeff will submit a grant proposal to the Alumnae Assn. For $3,000 - $6,000 for equipment to allow NEO to hold hybrid meetings.

**New Business**

The Executive Council meeting scheduled for February 28th will be on Zoom.

There was general approval that the Charter should be amended to extend the terms of the treasurer and secretary to two years. After the meeting, Roger held a vote by email. A majority of Executive Council members approved the following change:

**Current language**

_The officers of the NEO shall be a President, a Vice President who also is president-elect and who will become President the following year, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each elected for a one-year term, or until a successor is elected, with no restrictions as to re-election._

**Changed language:**

_The officers of the NEO shall be a President, a Vice President (who also is President-Elect), a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President shall serve a one-year term and the Vice President (President-Elect), who also serves a one-year term, shall become President the following year. The Secretary shall be elected to a two-year term that starts in even-numbered years. The Treasurer shall be elected to a two-year term that starts in odd-numbered years. The Secretary and the Treasurer are eligible to serve one additional two-year term._

There was no great desire to have the head of the Evanston TIAA Office address the group on retirement and estate planning.

It was agreed that minutes of Executive Council meetings be posted on the website. Gina will look for the minutes to past meetings.

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