Annual Report of the Arizona State University Emeritus College

Fiscal Year 2018-2019
William A. Verdini, Dean

1. The ASU Emeritus College: Completing the College’s 14th Year

The ASU Emeritus College has seen a growth from our initial faculty membership base of 157 to 500 ASU professor emeriti and over 56 Associate Members, professor emeriti from other established universities who have relocated to Arizona. The commitment talented emeriti faculty and the support from Vice Provost Deborah Clarke, Provost Mark Searle and President Michael Crow have been instrumental in our continued success.

2. Leadership

We are pleased to announce that the Provost has appointed Dr. Joseph Carter as the dean of the Emeritus College beginning July 1, 2019. Joe and I are already working together to provide a smooth transition for him.

Leaving the EC Council in 2019:
Scott Norton (resignation) – replaced by Linda Stryker
Beatrice Gordon (resignation) – replaced by Sarah Hudelson
Elizabeth Lessard (ended second 3-year term)
Jay Braun (ended 3-year term)

Jay Braun – Psychology
Donald Blumenfeld-Jones – Educational Leadership and Innovation
Jim Fordemwalt – Electronic & Computer Engineering
Don Kelley – Engineering Technology
Paul Schmidtke – Mathematical and Natural Sciences

2018-19 Emeritus College Council
Jay Braun (2019) - Psychology
Beatrice Gordon (2019) - Education
Anthony Gully (2020) - Art
Sarah Hudelson (2019) - Education
Elizabeth Lessard (2019) - Dance
Don Nilsen (2020) - English
Scott Norton (2020) - Education
Linda Stryker (2019) – Astronomy
Ed Stump (2021) – Geology
JoAnn Yeoman Tongret (2021) – Music
Phil VanderMeer (2021) – History

University Senator (2017-2020): Phil VanderMeer - History

Dean (2018-19): Bill Verdini - Business
  Associate Dean: Dick Jacob - Physics
  Development Director: Dick Jacob
  ASURA Liaison: Don Nilsen
  Emeritus Newsletter Editor: Sarah Hudelson

Assistant Dean, Faculty for Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies (2017-18):
  Vacant

Assistant Dean, Faculty for Humanities: Don Nilsen
  Academy for Continued Learning: Gary Kleemann - Technology
  Emeritus Voices (EV) Editor (2017-20): Dick Jacob
  Academy for Creative Writing (2017-19): Linda Stryker
  Writers' Group (2017-19): Harvey Smith
  Academy for the Arts (2017-19): John Aguilar - Anthropology

Assistant Dean Faculty for Professions & Sciences (2017-19): William Glaunsinger - Chemistry
  ISEF-AZ (2017-19): William Glaunsinger

Standing Committee Chairs
  Nominating Committee: William Verdini, Dick Jacob
  Membership Committee: Elizabeth Lessard
  Research & Creativity Grant Committee: William Glaunsinger
  Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship Committee: Tony Gully
  Emeritus Faculty Policy Committee: Richard Jacob
  Bylaws Committee: Scott Norton, Phil VanderMeer

Other Committees/Projects
  2018 Symposium: EC Council, Dick Jacob lead
  2018-19 Colloquium: Bill Verdini & Dick Jacob
  Literary Musical (LitMus): Linda Stryker
  Harmony Project: JoAnn V. Cleland - Education
  Book Group: Charles Tichy
  ASU Downtown Art Walk: John Aguilar
The staff is managed by Dana Aguilar, our full-time Administrative Specialist to the Dean and Office Manager since December 2011. Dana is supported by Erica Hervig, part-time in the Office Assistant/Receptionist position (.50 FTE). We have been without a Student Worker this year.

3. **Progress on Goals**

With your support and the support of the Office of the Provost, we have made progress toward achieving the goals that we have had in place since FY17. We still need your help, but this past year we

- Increased our outreach to the community
  
  - John Aguilar and Jo Cleland have continued their work with Harmony Project and we are advertising their concerts to our members.
  
  - Bill Glaunsinger’s work with the Intel International & Engineering Fair (ISEF) and the College sponsored “mock” fair prior to the international competition has led to a substantial increase in the number of awards received by Arizona high school students. In addition, ASU admissions, Barrett in particular, gets to interact with 25 of Arizona’s best high school students. In October 2018, the College received an Innovation Award from the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) for the program. Bill presented at the 2018 Biennial AROHE Conference at Emory University.

  - With Linda Stryker’s leadership to recruit outstanding instructors, the College continued its Writing Academy. Five students are currently participating in this fee-based program partially subsidized by the College.

  - John Aguilar has restarted our ASU Downtown Art Exhibitions. This year two events featured Marie Provine’s paintings and Ed Stump’s mobiles. Other Emeritus College artists were in attendance to answer questions about their works. Over 150 paintings from Emeritus College artists are on display in the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

- Improved our communication within ASU

  - We surveyed our members.

  - We have worked more closely with Colleges on events and fund-raising. There is renewed interest by deans and unit heads to involve emeritus faculty in college, school and unit activities. I am encouraging them to include all our Emeritus College members in their invitations to stimulate multidisciplinary approaches to research, creativity and problem solving. We have begun programs with CLAS, MLFTC, WPC, HIFA, CHS and will continue to expand our collaborations.

  - We provided focus group participants for the Mirabella project and would consider locating the Emeritus College in the ASU space being built adjacent to Mirabella in the future.

- Improve our operations infrastructure
We have made only little progress in these areas.

- Create a more functional membership database
- Implement succession planning for leadership and committee roles
- Have backup plans for staff support

4. **By the Numbers (data from 2018)**

Out of 500 members:

- 268 (54%) members have responded to our recent development campaign with contribution checks
- 135 (27%) members responded to our Council Election
- 87 (17%) members responded to our online survey
- 60 (13%) members attend the annual symposium
- 30 (6%) members regularly attend Friendship Village Short Talks
- 30 members attend our biannual LitMus program
- 15 (3%) members attend colloquia
- 5 members attend the Creative Writing Workshops
- 8 members are active in the Writing Group
- 5 members are in the newly formed book group
- 71 members have been mentioned by name in the last 4 Newsletters
- 25 members are listed as available in our Lectures & Courses
- 30 authors and artists were featured in the last 2 issues of Emeritus Voices.

Over 80 members have contributed to Emeritus Voices since its inception.

231 parking renewals were sent out to all Emeriti eligible for parking. 231 responded.
These emeriti may or may not be members of the Emeritus College.

5. **Ongoing Program Activities**

- **The 13th Annual College Symposium** to be held in November 2018 in the Old Main Carson Ballroom was cancelled because of a water line break in Old Main. An attempt was made to reschedule the event elsewhere, but the Council decided to postpone the Symposium until November 9, 2019. More detailed information is available at [https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/](https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/).

- **The Lecture Colloquia Series** As planned, we moved the Colloquium from Fulton Center to the University Club to provide lunch and better access to parking. To generate interest, the College subsidized the cost of the luncheon. Because of the subsidy and the difficulty of charging a higher luncheon fee for attendees who were not members of the Emeritus College, we did not advertise to the community at large. We will work through that for next year. Still, each of the three Colloquia held on a Wednesdays from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. during the spring semester had from 15 to 20 members in attendance in attendance.
• **The Short Talk Luncheons** held on Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Friendship Village continues to be one of our most successful programs. John Aguilar and Ed Stump coordinated this year’s talks. This is an effort to serve the ASU Emeritus College members who reside at Friendship Village and to provide a convenient location for our members to meet for lunch and to enjoy various talks. The format has two speakers each giving 20-minute presentations followed by questions and discussions. Twenty to thirty College members attended each of the presentations. Each presentation can be found at [https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/emeritus-college-calendar-events](https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/emeritus-college-calendar-events)

• **The Emeritus College’s Academy for Continued Learning** chaired by Gary Kleemann developed and expanded upon the *Emeritus College Guide to Courses and Lectures*. The published Guide was sent to many Lifelong Learning groups in the metropolitan Phoenix area as well as others including AAUW, Current Affairs, and Retirement organizations. We are planning to launch an online version in 2019-20.

ASU Osher Lifelong learning (OLLI) Courses, ordinarily four-week courses have been offered by Emeritus College faculty working with ASU Osher program Director Richard Knopf.

**Emeritus College Lectures in the Community:**

In addition to our OLLI faculty, College faculty are available to the community for lectures and short courses. See [https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/lectures-and-courses](https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/lectures-and-courses)

• **Literary Musicales** were presented at the Emeritus College in December and May this academic year and organized by Linda Stryker. These Musicales included musical solos, duos and trios as well as dance performances and readings of poetry and writings. We invite all members to attend, participate and enjoy this activity.

• **Emeritus College Newsletter**

The Newsletter was again published quarterly with Sarah Hudelson as Editor. Sarah has taken the initiative to include more photographs and personal stories. Our sincere appreciation is given to Sarah and Eric Hervig who worked through a new system for preparation, layout and printing of the Newsletter. A feature in every issue of the Newsletter is a book review column, Bob Barnhill’s *Emeritus Bookshelf*. See [https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/ecnewsarchive.html](https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/ecnewsarchive.html)

• **Emeritus College Journal *Emeritus Voices***

As editor, Richard Jacob has continued the production of this nationally
recognized journal. This year, Dick featured the work of an Emeritus College artist in each issue. See https://emerituscollege.asu.edu/emeritus-voices

- **Emeritus College’s Research and Creativity Grants Review Committee**

  William Glaunsinger, chair, Jim Fordemwalt, and Linda Stryker Much to our dismay, the College received no proposals for our call for research and creativity proposals this year! This includes three programs: The Research & Creativity Grants, the Undergraduate Research Internships, and the Barrett Emeritus Teaching Fellowship. I have asked Bill Glaunsinger and his committee to review the circumstances and make recommendations to improve our proposal processes.

- **Barrett Emeritus College Teaching Fellowship (BEF)**

  With the support of Honors College Dean Mark Jacobs, the Barrett Honors College and the Emeritus College awarded JoAnn Yoeman Tongret as the 2018-2019 Barrett Emeritus Teaching Fellow. Unfortunately, arrangements were not completed in time for JoAnn to offer her class. Past Fellows include Anthony Gully, Charles Tichy, Richard Jacob, and Alleen and Don Nilsen.

- **Emeritus College Writers Group**

  Harvey Smith, coordinates this group. The Writers Group are College faculty who regularly met on the first and third Tuesday of each month during the fall and spring semesters. The Writers Group members have the purpose of increasing their writing skills. Evidence of success can be found in the several published books and articles that have been authored by members of the Group and to their articles published in the College’s journal *Emeritus Voices*.

- **Emeritus Fellows Program - PFF**

  Tony Gully, coordinates this group that works with the Graduate College to award $4,000.00 in scholarships to PhD students. This year the committee encountered a few challenges as the Graduate College was re-organizing the program.

- **ASU Emeritus College and the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE)**
The ASU Emeritus College continues to play a substantial role in AROHE. William Verdini continues the Emeritus College’s legacy of participation and leadership serving on the Board of Directors and now as president-elect of AROHE. We plan to submit a proposal to host the 2020 AROHE Biennial Conference at ASU.

6. **Membership**

   a. **Data Base.** The Emeritus College continues to maintain as complete and accurate a data base of ASU emeriti/ae as possible for the benefit of the Provost’s and President’s offices. Also, since the disestablishment of ASU Faculty Emeriti Association (FEA) in 2014, the Emeritus College has assumed responsibility of maintaining accurate information on all ASU faculty emeriti, not just those who are members of the Emeritus College. The College is exploring the use of database software to replace the spreadsheet databases we currently use. This will improve the efficiency of our processes and the accuracy of our information.

   b. **Contributions and Membership**

The College’s membership base at its inception in 2005 was 157. Membership was 507 at the end of the Spring 2019 semester which includes 445 ASU emeriti professors, 56 Associate Members from other accredited universities, and 6 Affiliate Members, a discontinued category. Associate members have come from many universities including Cornell, Harvard, Michigan, Maryland, and Wayne State. Associate members are judged by the College Council as matching the emeritus professor criteria of ASU emeritus faculty. As membership contributions are not required a suggested tax-deductible contribution of $30 is requested each year. Many College members contribute more. These funds are used to support Research and Creativity Grants, travel grants, journal costs beyond subscription revenues, room rentals for the Annual Symposium and other College expenses not covered by the Provost’s Office.

The basic budget for the College’s office overhead; the staff of one full time Administrative Specialist, a 20 hour per week Office Assistant and Receptionist, and a 20 hour per week Student Worker along with equipment, materials, mailing, the quarterly College Newsletter and other basic office expenses have been covered by the Provost’s Office. A small stipend of $5000 for the College Dean was added in the 2015-2016 academic year.