1. **Introduction**

The Mission of the Emeritus College is to give a home and a focus to continued intellectual, creative and social engagement of retired faculty emeriti with the University. The Emeritus College fosters and promotes the scholarly and creative lives of its members, prolonging fruitful engagement with a service to the University and community. The Emeritus College provides the University a continued association with productive scientists, scholars and artists who have retired from their faculty positions but not from their disciplines.

The College has prospered throughout the 2019-2020 fiscal year, and continues a strong working liaison with Vice Provost Deborah Clarke, Provost Mark Searle and President Michael Crow. The College continues to consider it a responsibility to maintain as complete and accurate a data base of ASU emeriti/ae as possible for the benefit of the Provost's Office and the rest of the University.

The Emeritus College has seen productive growth in membership to over 500 professor emeriti and over 55 Associate members, professor emeriti from other established universities who have retired in Arizona.

2. **Overview:**

- **The Emeritus College Gonfalon Banner** was marched and displayed at the December 16th Commencement. The motto on the College Gonfalon is "Eruditio, Libertas, Sapientia" - learning, liberty, wisdom. The College and College faculty will be part of future commencements with the college banner.
• The Emeritus College Annual Symposium celebrating “Intellectual and Creative Diversity” featuring Sethuraman (Panch) Panchanathan, Executive Vice President of ASU Knowledge Enterprise as Keynote Speaker, was scheduled to be held in May 2020. However, based on ASU’s comprehensive evaluations of guidance provided by the CDC related to the COVID-19 outbreak, and to honor public health and safety, this and all ASU campus wide events had to be cancelled. The Annual Symposium will be rescheduled during the 2020-2021 academic year. Past Symposia have been widely successful, diverse and well attended.

• There was expansion of the ASU Emeritus Press with continued quarterly publication of the Emeritus College Newsletter, edited by Sarah Hudelson and publication of the Emeritus Voices Journal, edited by Richard Jacob.

• Dean Emeritus, Richard Jacob served this year as Director of Development. The College continued its $1 million development fund drive to support added programming including grant and awards to advance academic pursuits of emeriti faculty support. The Emeritus College Endowment Fund has grown and has provided resources for undergraduate research internships from the endowment earnings. It is important to note that many outreach activities of the College have a positive impact on our ability to grow the Endowment Fund. Though this drive was paused this spring during COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, it will resume during the 2020-2021 academic year.

• The Emeritus Faculty Fellowship, formerly known as The Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, continues to provide annual awards to a select number of graduate students who are in the final year of their doctoral or MFA work, and are committed to a career in college or university teaching and research. The recipients are selected from graduate students who are enrolled or have completed the Preparing Future Faculty and Scholar Program (PFx) administered by the Graduate College. 2019-2020 Emeritus Faculty Fellowship Committee members are Beatrice Gordon, Sarah Hudelson and Anthony Gully.

2019-2020 Emeritus Faculty Fellowship recipients are:

Evan Morton, Sustainable Engineering & the Built Environment $1,400
Michelle Stuhlmacher, Geographical Sciences/Urban Planning $1,400
José Rosales Chavez, Human Evolution and Social Change $1,000

We thank committee members Beatrice “Babs Gordon, Sarah Hudelson and
Anthony Gully

- **The Emeritus College Writers Group** met twice each month during the fall semester. Nine members critique two writers' work at the meeting.

  Harvey Smith is Coordinator. The Group has seen memoir, essay, poetry, novel chapters, and non-fiction pieces. Members of the group report that their discussions have grown from timidity and mere proof-reading, in the beginning, to full-fledged assessment of how an author might improve clarity, flow, characterization, and plot. Meetings were cancelled in the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **The Emeritus College Research and Creativity Grants Committee** chaired by William Glaunsinger, received multiple, competitive research and creativity grant proposals for the upcoming academic year, 2020-2021. The selected grant recipients are Peggy Bortner, Christine Grosse, Richard Jacob, Paul Schmidtke, JoAnn Tongret and Kristin Valentine.

- **The Barrett Emeritus Fellowship Program** continues with the support of the Barrett Honors College Dean, Mark Jacobs. Past Fellows include Richard Jacob, Alleen Nilsen, Charles Tichy, Anthony Gully and Don Nilsen.

- **The Emeritus College Book Club** is headed by Charles Tichy and met monthly on the last Wednesday of each month. All members are encouraged to participate in the diverse readings and engaging discourse.

- To support the College's programs, members contributed more than $10,000 during 2019-2020. The spring annual contribution campaign was paused during the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will resume during the 2020-2021 academic year.

- **The Emeritus College Literary Musicale** held in December 2019 was festive and well attended (all seats were filled). This event focuses on Emeritus College writers and musical performers allowing an informal environment to showcase talent and creativity. Included were musical performances presented by We invite more members to attend and enjoy this activity this coming year.

- On January 24, 2020, **ASU Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions**, held a special reception and art installation for Emeritus College
member Mark Reader, titled “Notice, Nurture, Nature…And Each Other: A Carbon Reduction.” The artwork was presented in honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and a reminder that we all need to gentle our carbon footprints as we witness the beauty and wonders in nature and in everyday human life. The event was held at the ASU Downtown Campus.

- **In partnership** with The Emeritus College, ASU Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, honors its partnership with the artists of the Emeritus College each year by hosting an annual **Emeritus Artists Celebration**. This event, scheduled in April 2020, had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The intention was to celebrate the Emeritus Artists with a reception and invite them to talk afterwards. According to former Art Curator, Carrie Tovar, “The goal was to recognize the considerable contribution the Emeritus artists have made to our college.” Among the artists are Marie Provine, John Aguilar, Paul Jackson and others who have donated several original paintings to the ASU Downtown facility.

- **To assist local middle and high school students** prepare for the 2020 Regeneron Science and Engineering Fair (formerly Intel International Science and Engineering Fair), the **Emeritus College ISEF-ASU Preparatory Academy** holds a pre-judging mock event to provide experience and feedback on student projects and presentations. This event scheduled for April 4, 2020, had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will be rescheduled. The 2020 Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair, scheduled for May 10-15, 2020 in Anaheim, California was also cancelled in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. **Leadership**

As determined by the College’s Bylaws, the nine-member College Council have three-year overlapping terms. The College Dean, **Joseph R. Carter**, is also a member of the Council serving as Chair:

**Terms beginning on July 1, 2020** (welcome new members)
- Ruth Jones, Professor Emerita of Politics & Global Studies
- Marie Provine, Professor Emerita of Justice & Social Inquiry
- Anne Schneider, Professor Emerita of Politics & Global Studies

**Terms ending on June 30, 2020:**
- Anthony Gully, Professor Emeritus of Psychology
- Don Nilsen, Professor Emeritus of English
Scott Norton, Professor Emeritus of Ed. Leadership and Policy Studies

Terms ending on June 30, 2019:
Jay Braun, Professor Emeritus of Psychology
Beatrice Gordon, Professor Emerita of Education
Beth Lessard, Professor Emerita of Dance

College Senator: Phil Vandermeer finished his three-year term as Emeritus College Senator for the University Senate in 2020. He was reelected for another term to end on 30 June 2023.

4. Deanship and Staff

The daily operation of the Emeritus College in Old Main 102 is overseen by Joseph R. Carter who began his first term on July 1, 2019. Staff is managed by Dana Aguilar, full-time, who does an exemplary job. She has served as Administrative Specialist and Office Manager since December, 2011, and has served with all six deans since that time. She is ably assisted by Office Assistant/Receptionist, Erica Hervig, part-time, who has been in her role since November 2016 at .50FTE. Erica provides excellent customer service and support to all of our members. The part-time student intern position, filled by an Honors College student, is currently vacant due to internal structural changes and will be filled at a later time.

5. The Annual Fulton Center Colloquium Lecture Series

The Emeritus College sponsored four outstanding lectures as part of its Colloquium Lecture Series this academic year. The number of lectures were reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The speakers were:

Sept 18 – Stephanie A. Bivens, Esq., Certified Elder Law Attorney, who spoke on the topic estate planning and elder law.

Oct 16 – Mahyar Eftekhar, ASU Assistant Professor of Supply Chain Management who spoke on “Humanitarian Logistics: Towards and Understanding of Operations and Management in High Gear.”

Nov 20 – Maxim Sukharev, ASU Associate Professor of Physics who spoke on “Debunking Pseudoscientific Claims in the Era of Internet.”
Feb 19 – **Souad T. Ali**, Associate Professor of Arabic Literature, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies who spoke on “Modern Perspectives on Gender Issues in Islam: A Focus on Egalitarian Aspects in Islam.”

6. **Short Talks Luncheon**

The Short Talks Luncheons this year were presented at Friendship Village in Tempe. This was 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 lectures. Ed Stump was the Short Talks Coordinator and responsible for putting together a very interesting series of presentations for this year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, presentations in March, April and May were cancelled.

The speakers and their topics were:

Sept 8 – **William Verdini**, Professor Emeritus of Supply Chain Management spoke on “Psychology of Waiting.”

Oct. 8 – **Jay Braun**, ASU Professor Emeritus of Psychology spoke on “South Georgia Island: Antarctic Wildlife Galore.”

Oct. 8 – **Edmund Stump**, Professor Emeritus of Geology spoke on “Exploring Scott Glacier with the Blackburn party, 1933-34: The last, great, dog-team traverse in Antarctica.”

Dec 10 – **Kathleen Desmond**, Professor Emerita of Art History spoke on “Postmodern Art and Culture.”

Dec 10 – **Anthony Gully**, Professor Emeritus of Art spoke on “Modern Artists [Goya and Picasso] most notably protest against War and Political Persecution.”

Feb 11 – **Lee Croft**, Professor Emeritus of Languages spoke on “Family Genealogy.”

Feb 11 – **Gary Krahenbuhl**, Professor Emeritus of Kinesiology spoke on “Traveling West in Search of Gold.”


May 12 – Kristin Valentine, Professor Emeritus of “Dead or Alive You are Going to Teixido: Cultural Folklore in Spanish Galicia” Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Academy for Continued Learning

Under the leadership of Gary Kleemann, The Emeritus College’s Academy of Continued Learning had a year like no other in 2019-2020. The Academy’s face to face activities in partnership with ASU’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Mesa Community College’s New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning, Chandler-Gilbert Community College’s New Adventures and others, were cancelled in the spring and summer of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, some classes and lectures were presented online via Zoom. During 2019-2020, emeriti faculty participation increased.

The Emeritus College Guide on Lectures and Courses was distributed to 187 community organizations and groups in the Valley of the Sun.


Invited ASU campus lectures occur often, mostly at the Tempe Campus.

8. **Goals and Projections for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

The goals and projections for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 are related to prior goals and projections, all of which were reached and extended. They include:

- Stabilizing the College membership which grew from 500 to 520 over the past year. We anticipate some additional growth. Having grown from an initial membership base of 157 when formed, we now have the membership basis for continued expanded programming on and off campus. In addition to our ASU emeriti faculty membership, the College members also include fifty-five associate members from other universities. These College members have been making considerable contributions, such as serving on the Emeritus Press Advisory Board, serving on College committees, and engaging others in the College’s programs.

- To continue to expand upon the College’s welcoming atmosphere for members and friends in the Emeritus College office. This includes the regular meetings and programs of the College Council, the Writing Workshops, the Short Talks Luncheons, the Emeritus College Book Club and the meetings of the academy directors and committees, and other ongoing activities including, importantly, just stopping by for members and friends.

- To work toward achieving full staffing as stated in the initial proposal to establish the Emeritus College. We wish to reinstate .75FTE position status for part-time Office Assistant/Receptionist, Erica Hervig, currently at .50FTE. Ultimately, a move to full time status is desired.

- To generate continuing and additional opportunity initiatives for College membership both on and off campus. A regular set of presentations will be continued at New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning at Mesa Community College.
and elsewhere in the community. The Tempe Connections program, in addition to the new courses to be offered, have asked for individual emeriti faculty presentations as well at the Tempe Library as has the ASU West Campus.

There will be a continuation of emeriti faculty offering regular courses at the Downtown Campus as requested by Dean Jonathan Koppell.

- There will continue to be venues for the Emeritus College faculty to give varying kinds of presentations and to come to them. These will include the second monthly Tuesday afternoon ASU Short Talks luncheons at which two emeriti faculty give presentations in their established discipline or in new aspects of their developing capabilities. The third Wednesday monthly Colloquia at the Fulton Center will continue to feature major academic presenters. The fourth Wednesday monthly Book Club at the Emeritus College will continue their book review discourse.

To accommodate changes needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many presentations will transition to online Zoom presentations until in-person meetings pose no public health safety risk.

9. **Concluding Remarks**

To some, the ASU Emeritus College appears to be primarily a social organization that offers some recreational, learning and service opportunities. The ASU Emeritus College intends to expand its range of programs and services to increase its level of assistance to our affiliated institution and local community, provide more support for our members scholarship and other forms of intellectual engagement, and recognize the many contributions of our members. Expanding opportunities for engagement could help make the Emeritus College attractive to a wider range of potential members as well as increase the organizations value and impact.

Even with more than 520 members, the ASU Emeritus College appears to engage a fraction of its potential membership. Far more emeritus professors have been appointed over the past 20 years. Growing membership will increase the resources the Emeritus College has available to implement its mission more fully. The Emeritus College will way the merits of enhancing its recruitment efforts for new members.