Penn Association of Senior and Emeritus Faculty: Annual Report 2012-2013

Mission

The mission of PASEF is to initiate and coordinate activities that encourage retired faculty to maintain connections among themselves and with the intellectual and social life of the University. Such activities include organizing lectures, discussion groups, and social functions that provide fellowship and interaction among members and with the scholarly community on campus; familiarizing members, especially those planning retirement, with issues relating to retirement benefits and retired life; and promoting opportunities to render service to the University and its surrounding community.

Events and Activities

Educational: In pursuit of its mission, PASEF sponsors numerous formal and informal talks and lectures throughout the year. In the past academic year, these included luncheon talks in the Hourglass Room at the University Club, a talk before the Penn Annual 25-Year Club Reception in Houston Hall, and the annual PASEF Spring lecture held this year in the School of Engineering & Applied Science. Approximately 500 people attended these events. Appendix A lists the events during 2012-2013; see next page.

Planning for Retirement: In conjunction with the Association of Senior and Emeritus Faculty (ASEF), we sponsored two interactive sessions with senior faculty to help them plan for retirement. Retired colleagues and spokespersons from the University’s Senior Benefits Office and from Medical School Faculty Affairs and Professional Development made presentations and responded to questions from attendees. Approximately 100 senior faculty attended these meetings.

Social Events: PASEF sponsors several social events intended to encourage retired faculty to maintain links with the University. A highlight of our year is the annual Fall Reception honoring newly retired faculty. This year’s reception was held on November 1, 2012 in Bodek Lounge in Houston Hall. Thirty-six newly retired colleagues were honored with citations describing their contributions to Penn in their respective academic fields. The Provost greeted the honorees and citations were read by PASEF’s Past President which was followed by a catered reception.

Our annual Spring Outing for members was held on May 1, 2013 when 27 members traveled to Winterthur in Wilmington, Delaware for a tour of the DuPont mansion and luncheon.

Support of the University Club: An important beneficiary of PASEF’s activities is the University Club which is very important to our success. Through our monthly Executive Committee meetings, luncheon talks and special events, we generated more than 500 paid lunches at the University Club that would not otherwise have been purchased there.

Communications: A central PASEF function is to serve as a communications link between retired faculty and the University. A member of our Executive Committee serves as a representative to the University Senate and Council helping PASEF to keep members aware of potential matters affecting them. In addition, another Committee member serves on the University Council Benefits Committee communicating retired faculty concerns when appropriate.

PASEF and ASEF: Relations between PASEF and the parallel Medical School Group ASEF (Association of Senior and Emeritus Faculty) have become closer. Both presidents serve on the other’s Executive Committees. Both attended the national convention of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education which was held at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in October 2012. Jointly sponsored activities include the Fall Reception for the newly retired as well as two Planning for Retirement Seminars. We will pursue closer cooperation on topics and scheduling for the monthly luncheon talks while maintaining our separate organizations.

Budget and Staffing: PASEF’s activities are funded by the Provost to whom we report via the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. The budget is divided approximately 50 percent for part-time administrative assistant and 50 percent for operations. We operated within our budget for the current year. However, our office in 111 Duhring Wing needed renovation and we have been granted permission to exceed our 2012-2013 budget by approximately $11,000 to effect the required modernization which is in process.

Challenges to Maintaining and Expanding PASEF’s Outreach

PASEF outreach: PASEF has a primary goal of communicating with all our members, maintaining contact with all of them, and providing a channel for their input and interaction with the University. In addition, communications link between retired faculty and the University. A member of our Executive Committee serves as a representative to the University Senate and Council helping PASEF to keep members aware of potential matters affecting them. In addition, another Committee member serves on the University Council Benefits Committee communicating retired faculty concerns when appropriate.

PASEF Executive Committee Members 2012-2013

Alan Myers, Emeritus Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Anna Meadows, Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, PSOM
Arnold Rosoff, Professor, Legal Studies and Business Ethics, Health Care Systems
David Balamuth, Emeritus Professor, Physics, SAS
David Pope, Emeritus Professor, Material Science and Engineering, SEAS
Elsa Ramsden, Associate Professor Emerita, School of Nursing
Gerald Porter, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, SAS
Howard Goldfine, Emeritus Professor, Microbiology, PSOM
Howard Rosenberg, Associate Professor Emeritus, Pediatric Dentistry
Jack Nagel, Emeritus Professor, Political Science, SAS
Janice Madden, Professor of Regional Science/Sociology/Real Estate
Lance Donaldson-Evans, Emeritus Professor, Romance Languages, SAS
Martin Pring, Associate Professor, Physiology, PSOM
Neville Strumpf, Emerita Professor, School of Nursing
Peter Kurilloff, Professor, FPE, Graduate School of Education
Rob Roy MacGregor, Emeritus Professor, Infectious Diseases Division, PSOM
Roger Allen, Emeritus Professor, Arabic, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, SAS
Ross Webber, Emeritus Professor of Management, Wharton
Sherrill Adams, Professor, Biochemistry, School of Dental Medicine
Vivian Seltzer, Emeritus Professor, Human Development and Behavior School of Social Policy & Practice

PASEF Executive Committee Members 2012-2013

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Appendix A

2013
May 7, PASEF luncheon, Jeffrey Tigay, Emeritus Eli- lis Professor of Hebrew and Semitic Languages and Lit- eratures in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. “Loose Constructionism: Its Forerun- ners in Biblical Interpretation, or: You are telling Scrip- ture: Be quiet while I interpret.”
May 1, PASEF Spring Outing, “Winterthur Museum, Gardens and Library.”
April 29, PASEF luncheon, “Road to Retirement.” Forum
April 25, Annual Spring Lecture, Vijay Kumar, UPS
Foundation Professor in the School of Engineering &
Applied Science, “The Arab Spring?”
April 3, Special PASEF luncheon, Roger Allen, Emeritus Professor, Arabic—Near Eastern Languages &
Civilizations. “Flying Robots.”
March 21, PASEF luncheon, Larry Gladney, Ed- mund J. and Louise W. Kahn Professor for Faculty Ex- cellence and Chair, Physics and Astronomy. “From Nothing to Everything: The Origin and Evolution of the Universe.”
February 18, PASEF luncheon, Larry Silver, Profes- sor, History of Art, “Jews and Christians in Rembrandt’s Amsterdam”
January 25, PASEF luncheon, Robert Seyfang, Pro- fessor of Psychology, “Mind and Society in Monkeys and Apes”

2012
December 4, PASEF luncheon, Liliane Weissberg, Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor in Arts and Science, and Professor of German and Compara- tive Literature, “Rich Jews: An Exhibition”
November 14, PASEF luncheon, Louis Girfalgio, University Professor and Emeritus Professor of Mate- rials Science, “The Creation of ENIAC: The Beginning of the Digital Age.”
October 17, PASEF luncheon, Martha Farah, Wal- ter H. Annenberg Professor of Natural Sciences in the Department of Psychology at the University of Pennsyl- vania and founding Director of Penn’s Center for Cogni- tive Neuroscience, “Twenty-First Century Neuroscience: From Lab and Clinic to Home.”
October 4, 25-Year Club Presentation, Arnold Roso- ff, Professor of Legal Studies and Healthcare Manage- ment, “Healthcare Reform and Obamacare: What does the future hold?”
September 20, PASEF luncheon, Samuel Preston, Frederick Warren Emeritus Professor of Demogra- phy, Populations Studies Center; Sociology Depart- ment, “Causes of Lagging Life Expectancy in the Unit- ed States.”

PASEF Executive Committee – 2013-2014
President: Rob Roy MacGregor, Medicine
Past-President: Ross Webber, Wharton
President-elect: Jack Nagel, Political Science
At-large members (3 year terms):
Ends 6/14:
Peter Kurtloff, Education
Janice Madden, Sociology
Sherrill Adams, Biochemistry, Dental Medicine
Ends 6/15:
David Pope, Materials Science, SEAS
Howard Rosenberg, Dental Medicine
Arnold Rosoff, Legal Studies & Healthcare
Ends 6/16:
Mitch Marcus, Computer Science
Paul Shaman, Statistics
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David Balamuth, Physics
Rep to the Faculty Senate & Council; and coordinator of Hitchhiker’s Guide to Retirement
Martin Pring, Physiology, PSOM
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Past chairs:
Roger Allen, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations
Vivian Seltzer, Social Policy & Practice
Neville Strumpf—Road to Retirement presenta- tion, Nursing
Gerald Porter—Rights & Responsibilities of Reti- red Faculty, Mathematics, SAS
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Canvas: the University’s New Learning Management System

The Office of the Provost and the Penn Libraries announce the forthcoming implementa- tion of Canvas, a University-wide learning management system (LMS) that will allow fac- ulty and students across Penn to use one integrated set of tools to manage all their courses. Currently, some Schools and programs use Blackboard, while others (including the Gradu- ate School of Education, the Law School, and the Wharton School) have already made the transition to Canvas.

Over the past year, the Penn Libraries conducted a comprehensive pilot test of Canvas. Most instructors in the pilot found that Canvas offered better teaching tools than Blackboard and met or exceeded their course development needs. Based on this pilot and the positive experiences of faculty in OSE, Law, and Wharton, the Provost and the Council of Deans charged a group of IT administrators from the Schools to work with ISC and the Penn Librar- ies to evaluate the possibility of a single University-wide LMS.

As a result of this consultative and collaborative process, Canvas will be implemented as the University’s LMS during the 2013-2014 school year. Canvas, along with Blackboard, will be available for instructors wishing to use them for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 courses. By Summer 2014, Canvas will be fully implemented across the University, and Blackboard will no longer be available. Schools and programs currently using Canvas will see no change.

In the weeks ahead, each School will contact its instructors directly with more details about specific plans to assist instructors with this transition. Instructors interested in learning more about Can- vas are encouraged to visit http://canvas.upenn.edu/about or contact canvas@pobox.upenn.edu

Canvas workshops are designed for faculty, instructors, administrative staff, and teaching assistants. All sessions will be held in the Weigle Information Commons Seminar Room (Room 124, Van Pelt Library). Laptops will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

What’s the Big Deal About Canvas? A fast-paced introduction to the Canvas learning manage- ment system designed to give instructors who prefer to learn on their own an overview of the tools and capabilities of the system. This is not a hands on session. Brown bag lunches welcome.

Tuesday, August 6: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Canvas Basics: New to Canvas? Learn how to add and organize your course site in this introductory hands-on workshop. No prior Canvas experience needed.

Thursday, August 1: 10-11:30 a.m.
Monday, August 12: 11-11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, August 13: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 14: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Monday, August 19: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 22: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 27: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday, August 28: 10-11:30 a.m.

Blackboard to Canvas: This workshop is intended for faculty transitioning from Black- board. Learn how to migrate your content to Canvas and how to leverage the new tools and features of Canvas in your teaching.

Thursday, August 8: 10-11:30 a.m.
Monday, August 12: 10-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, August 14: 3-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 20: 10-11:30 a.m
Thursday, August 22: 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 27: 3:30-5 p.m.
Thursday, August 29: 1-3 p.m.

Canvas Office Hours: Canvas questions or quandaries? Come to office hours for hands-on assistance with your Canvas site.

Thursday, August 1: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-5 p.m.
Friday, August 2: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday, August 5: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 6: 3:30-5 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 8: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-5 p.m.
Friday, August 9: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monday, August 12: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 13: 10-11 a.m., 2:30-5 p.m.
Wednesday, August 14: 10-11 a.m., 1:30-3 p.m.
Thursday, August 15: 12-2:30 p.m., 4-5 p.m.
Friday, August 16: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday, August 19: 10-11 a.m., 12:30-1:30 p.m., 3:30-5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 20: 12-1:30 p.m., 3:30-5 p.m.
Wednesday, August 21: 3-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 22: 10-11 a.m., 3:30-5 p.m.
Friday, August 23: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday, August 26: 10-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m.
Tuesday, August 27: 10-11:30 a.m., 1:30-5 p.m., 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 28: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., -3:30-5 p.m.
Thursday, August 29: 4-30-7 p.m.
Friday, August 30: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

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