

**USI Retirees Coordination Council Meeting Minutes**  
**2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 15, 2025**  
**Griffin Center**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Linda Trible at 2:00 p.m. In attendance were: Christy Baker, Terri Branson, Jeri Burger, Janet Duncan, Craig Ehlen, Sandi Hatfield, Charmaine McDowell, Linda Trible & Andrea Gentry, Foundation Liaison

**Welcome** – Linda welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

**Approval of Minutes** from the March 15, 2025 meeting. The minutes were not available.

**Treasurer's Report** – Craig Ehlen

- Craig provided electronic and paper copies of the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2025. The current fund balance as of May 31, 2025 is \$6,185.68.

**President's Report** – Linda Trible

- **Foundation Lunch** was well attended. Members shared their appreciation that Steven Bridges shared comments and answered questions about the state of the university and the impact of legislative changes on the University.
- **Vintage Times** – The Vintage Times was distributed and mailed to members.
- **Shaw Lecture** – The Shaw lecture was well attended, a combination of university faculty, staff and community members were present.
- **Azalea Path Outing and lunch at R'z** – Turnout for the event was great, the food at R'z was appreciated. Another successful event for members was planned and executed by Charmaine McDowell, Thank You Charmaine.

**Old Business**

- **Upcoming Events** – Thanks was given to Charmaine and Terri for planning the upcoming retirees events
  - **Not back to School Lunch** – Turoni's on Main, August 12, 11:30
  - **New Harmony Tour/Lunch** – Members who plan to participate will have an opportunity to utilize the riding tour. Lunch options are being explored and will be discussed at the July meeting.
  - **Annual Meeting** – The annual meeting will be held November 20, 2025. The meeting location will be determined. City View will respond to a request to use their facilities at a later time.

**Updates to Retiree Website**

- Officers, Events, Award recipients, history, & minutes. Many of the items have not been updated. Linda will continue to discuss and work with the Foundation to update items on the website. Linda requested electronic copies of the approved minutes from 2024, so they can be posted on the website.

- **Group Facebook Page** – Cindy Brinker continues to work on the facebook page.
- **Online membership registration and dues payment** – The system continues to work well and members are using the portal to pay dues and register for the organization.
- **University Events** – Steve Bridges has been appointed as the next USI President, the inauguration date is to be determined.
- **Special Events for Retirees in 2026** – There was a discussion about options for recognizing retirees. There have been changes in how employees have been recognized over the past several years. Discussion included the option of recognizing retiring employees at other planned events i.e. Foundation Day. No decisions were made on ideas shared. This will be an ongoing discussion.

#### **New Business**

- **Vintage Times** – Linda made a request for members to submit ideas for lead stories for the upcoming summer/fall issue.
- **Committees** – It was noted that the three standing committees (Special Events, Nominating & Membership) need members. If anyone is interested in participating please volunteer. The Council reviewed the length of service for current council members to determine which seats will need to be filled.

#### **Other Business**

- **Foundation** – Andrea informed the group that retirees would receive a Save-the-Date notification with the date and place for the inauguration of the new president. The Foundation is also exploring if there will be any changes in the events for retirees such as the receptions & luncheon in the next academic year.
- **Announcements** – Lenny Dowhie has been selected as a TEDx speaker, information will be forthcoming.

**Next Meeting** – July 24, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Griffin Center  
**Adjournment**

#### **UPCOMMING 2025 USI RETIREES' COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

July 17, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.  
September 18, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.  
November 20, 2025 (Annual Meeting)