



February 2022 Newsletter

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President's Message

With President Shrum called out of town, her chief assistant, Kyle Wray, addressed 94 Emeriti Association members at dinner Monday, February 7. He did a nice job of presenting and responded to questions afterward.

A few specifics include the following:

With 11,000 students admitted, OSU had a near record freshmen class (4200) enroll for Fall 2021; international enrollment continues to be down, particularly a decline in the number of Chinese students, which had been our largest international population with over 1000 students enrolled. OSU had a record number of transfer students enroll. A strategic plan committee has been established, and Kyle indicated front and center of the plan is sure to be a strong focus on the OSU land-grant mission.

March 7, at 6 p.m., is our next Monday night dinner, again in the Jones Room at the Alumni Center. Steve Dobbs, the architect of campus landscaping projects, will be the speaker. Steve formerly hosted Oklahoma Gardening from the Botanic Gardens. He will update us on projects--past, present, and future--as he worked with former President Hargis on a number of projects, including a campus-wide irrigation system, outdoor art, topiaries, and much more. Please plan to join us.

And a hearty welcome to Ron Miller, who is about to take over the reins as Emeriti Association treasurer. He succeeds Ron Elliott, who has served some 7 years and deserves our sincerest appreciation for a job so well done!

At our most recent council meeting, considerable discussion occurred regarding our scholarship program. It was made clear that one such award needs to carry the name of "McCollum," former engineering dean for whom a major gift was made a few years ago.

President's Message (Continued)

The Emeriti Association 2022 *Directory* has been finalized and should be delivered to current members of the association by the end of February.

The next council meeting will take place on February 28 at 2 p.m., hopefully in person, in the Emeriti Suite in the Alumni Center. Feel free to join us or send agenda suggestions to emeriti@okstate.edu.

Kent Sampson
2022 President

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Marita Johnson [Obituary](#)
December Council [Minutes](#)
Howard Robert (Bob) Terry [Obituary](#)

2022 Dues (Annual Members)

Members of the Emeriti Association who pay their dues on an annual basis (\$25 for an individual and \$35 for a couple) are reminded that payment of their 2022 dues is now being accepted. If you plan on attending the upcoming Monday Night Dinner, you can pay at that time. If you prefer to pay by mail, please use the following mailing address:

OSU Emeriti Association
ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center, Room 201
Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK 74078

Life memberships require a one-time payment of \$200 for an individual membership and \$250 for a couple's membership.