

**MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2022
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY RETIREE ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

Board Members Present: Barry McNeill, Carl Cross, Frank Koonce, Jane Carey, Tara Roesler, Mark Henderson, Trudy Perez, Sue Henderson, Rojann Alpers, Kathy Gunn, Larry Carlson

Board Members Absent: Helene Ossipov (excused), Evelyn Cesarotti (excused)

Ex-Officio Members Present: Amy Rosen

Committee Chairs Present: Pat Schneider, Jan Shore, Connie McNeill, Joy Shearman

Guests Present: Bill Stasi

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Past President Carl Cross

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME TO GUESTS – Bill Stasi was introduced.

III. ADOPTION OF TODAY'S AGENDA –Carl requested the addition of the certification of the slate of officers to new business. Joy asked to move the Scholarship report to an earlier part of the agenda. Barry said that the Annual Reports should not be included with the Treasurer's report since it will be addressed in Old Business. Bill said that the accurate time for the Spring Fling is 11:00 am not 12:00 pm. A motion was made by Tara Roesler to accept the agenda as amended, Barry McNeill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2022.

There were no corrections. Sue Henderson moved to accept the minutes. Tara Roesler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT – Barry McNeill suggested that the budget is on track for this year. There were no questions concerning the report.

VI. Scholarship Committee Report – Joy Shearman and Jan Shore – The committee received 37 applications, only 15 met University and ASURA requirements. Of the 15 only 6 had the required 2 letters of recommendation. Today is the deadline for submissions. Joy asked for the time slot for the current scholarship recipient at the annual meeting. Barry said that both the introduction and recipient have 15 minutes total from 10:50 am to 11:05 am.

VII. EX-OFFICIO REPORTS (5 minutes or less, please)

- Emeritus College Liaison – Ruth Jones - No report
- Human Resources – Lynna Soller - No report
- University Club Liaison – Carl Cross – No change the club is not open
- University Liaison – Kendra Burton - No report
- University Senate – Edwardo Pagan - No report
- University Staff Council – Carolyn Starr – No report

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 minutes or less please)

- Community Outreach Committee – Subcommittee Reports
 - Adopt-A-Family – Ginny Sylvester - Barry noted that the committee spent \$300 on Easter gifts for both families.
 - Scholarship Committee – Joy Shearman, Jan Shore - see above
 - Video History Project – Barry McNeill – no report
- Events Committee & Subcommittee Reports
 - Events Committee Coordination – Trudy Perez – no report
 - Luncheons & Special Events – Trudy Perez and Mary Stevens - no report
 - Seminars – Pat Schneider
 1. February 10, 2022 - Telling your story - Duane Roen – there were 40 attendees
 2. March 10, 2022 - Affordable senior housing – 60 have signed up
 3. May 12, 2022 - The healthy brain – is open for registration
 - Pre-Retirement Seminars – Sue Henderson – the seminars have been well-attended and varied.
 - Travel – John Brock- no report
- Finance Committee – Barry McNeill – There is an excess of \$10,000 in the operations budget which is usually around \$20,000 and is now \$30,000. The committee had 4 ideas of what to do with the excess. 1. Make a capital expenditure (none needed now), 2. Put it in the endowment fund, 3. Increase the scholarship fund, and 4. Split the scholarship fund into 2 scholarships. The committee made a motion to put the excess in the endowment fund. Jane Carey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Book Collection – Mary Stevens – no report – the closet is full and awaiting pickup
- Government Liaison Council
 - Legislature – Jeri Meeks, Tara Fuchs-Roesler, Pat Schneider – See attached report
 - ASRS Liaison – Dick Jacob – no report
 - ADOA Liaison – Larry Carlson – no report
- Health Insurance Liaison Council
 - ASRS – Dick Jacob – no report
 - ADOA – Larry Carlson – no report
- Membership and Communications Committee – Subcommittee Reports
 - E-News – Barry McNeill – next edition will come out on March 9, 2022
 - Membership Update – Elmer Gooding – no report – Tara Rosler suggested that member renewals for people without emails should be asked to submit their profiles on paper for update. Connie will look into

altering the existing requests for renewals and Barry will put an announcement in E-News.

- Obituaries – Tara Roesler – Most of the information for obituaries comes from the ASU Foundation. Tara is having difficulty getting the pictures to transfer to her announcements. Connie will come to the office on Wednesday to show her how to snip pictures.
- Prime Times – Jeannette Robson – No report
- Web Site and Database – Connie McNeill – The Volunteer Website went live on March 1, 2022. Connie gave a demonstration of the site. It is very detailed and meaningful. It will be a boon to new and continuing volunteers.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- Results of the election – all 5 nominees were elected. One hundred sixty votes were received. The new board members are Jo Ellen Alberhasky, Bev Buddee, Partha Dasgupta, Terrie Ekin, and Bill Stasi.
- Annual Reports – Barry noted that about half of the reports are in. The deadline is March 15, 2022.
- Spring Fling – March 15 at Papago Park of Tempe at 11:00 am.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Survey on Gun Control – The survey demonstrated that the ASURA membership is overwhelmingly against guns on campus. Jane Carey made a motion to state that ASURA is against guns on campus and directs the official lobbyists to convey this to the Arizona State Legislature. Barry seconded the motion and it passed.
- Officer Certification – the ASURA Executive Board recommends the following for ASURA officers: President Bill Stasi, Vice President – TBD, Secretary Pat Schneider, and Treasurer Barry McNeill. The Members unanimously voted to approve the officers.
- New Board Orientation – Bill Stasi, the newly certified President, will arrange for this orientation in late March. He prefers face-to-face in the Community Building conference room. He will contact the new members to make arrangements. Carl and Tara will also join the orientation as continuing members.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting – **May 10, 2022**
9:15 am Executive Committee
10:00 am Board Meeting

XII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

Account Categories	FY22 Approved Budget	Actual YTD as of 1/31/2022	COMMENTS
ASURA Operations			
ASURA Operations - Income			
Balance Forward	34,722	34,721	
Current Year Revenue			
Event Registration Fees & Donations Collected	600	0	
Membership Dues	16,000	8,880	
General Operations Donations	3,200	1,340	
Holiday Bake Sale 2020	0	0	
Postage - History Book	0	12	
5% Gift Assessment	-990	-510	
Total Operations Current Year Revenue	18,810	9,723	
ASURA Operations - Expenses			
<i>Printing and Mailing Costs</i>			
Membership Drive	0	87	
Prime Times summer printing	800	0	
Prime Times summer mailing	800	539	
<i>Event Costs</i>			
Paid Events	600	0	
Annual Meeting	1,000	0	
Meet & Greet Luncheon	0	0	
Holiday Potluck & Fundraiser	0	0	
Holiday Picnic	400	25	Winter Event
<i>Other Operations Costs</i>			
Scholarship Award	6,400	6,400	\$10,000 - \$3600 paid from Endowment
AROHE	120	0	2022 Membership renewal
Business Luncheons & Service Appreciation	0	28	Engraving President's plaque
Technology Services	404	0	Zenfolio & Zoom
Professional Services	0	0	
Office Equipment	500	401	
Office Supplies & Postage	200	45	
Marketing Supplies	0	0	
Seminars	0	0	
Foundation Transaction Fees	100	0	
Transfer Out	0	80	Duplicate membership renewal
Transfer to Adopt-A-Family	260	0	
Total Operations Expenses	11,584	7,605	
Increase (Decrease) in Current Year Balance	7,226	2,118	
Uncommitted ASURA Operations Funds	41,948	36,839	

Account Categories	FY22 Approved Budget	Actual YTD as of 1/31/2022	COMMENTS
General University Allocation (HR)			
Balance Forward	0	0.31	
Current Year Allocation	7,000	7,000.00	
Total University Current Year Revenue	7,000	7,000.00	
Expenses Charged to Allocation			
Annual Report	190	0.00	
Bylaws & Ballots	230	0.00	
Office Equipment & Supplies	500	0.00	Laptop for online meetings
Prime Times Fall/Spring Printing	1,600	546.99	
Prime Times Fall Spring Mailing	1,100	0.00	
Copier/FAX Equipment Annual Lease	922	922.44	
Membership Drive	1,500	519.75	
Technology Services	260	0.00	Pantheon Web Hosting
Marketing Supplies	100	0.00	
Meet & Greet Luncheon	0	100.00	2 Room rentals -1 cancelled \$50 refund pending
Miscellaneous Expense	0	265.85	Mail slot installed in office door
8.5% Administrative Service Charges	595	200.17	
Total Subsidized Expenses	6,997	2,555.20	
Uncommitted University Funds For Operations	3	4,445.11	

Special Projects			
Special Projects - Income			
Balance Forward	75	75	
Current Year Revenue			
Gift-In-Kind Receipts	14,000	10,735	
Friends/Phx Library Book Sale Net Income	2,000	0	
Total Special Projects Current Year Revenue	16,000	10,735	
Special Projects - Expenses			
Gift-In-Kind Adjustment	14,000	10,715	
Transfer 1/2 of Book Sale Income to Scholarship	1,000	0	
Transfer 1/2 of Book Sale Income to Video History	1,000	0	
Mail Service - General	0	0	
Total Special Projects Expenses	16,000	10,715	
Increase (Decrease) in Current Year Balance	0	20	
Uncommitted Special Projects Funds	75	95	

Account Categories	FY22 Approved Budget	Actual YTD as of 1/31/2022	COMMENTS
Adopt-A-Family			
Adopt-a-Family - Income			
Balance Forward	1,270	1,270	
Current Year Revenue			
Adopt-A-Family Donations	500	837	
5% Gift Assessment	-25	-42	
Transfer from Operations	260	0	
Total Adopt-A-Family Current Year Revenue	735	795	
Adopt-A-Family - Expenses			
Holiday gifts	2,000	1,647	
Total Adopt-A-Family Expenses	2,000	1,647	
Increase (Decrease) in Current Year Balance	-1,265	-852	
Uncommitted Adopt-A-Family Funds	5	418	

Video History			
Video History - Income			
Balance Forward	9,253	9,253	
Current Year Revenue			
Video History Donations	1,000	965	
Transfer in 1/2 of Book Drive Proceeds from Spec Proj	1,000	0	
5% Gift Assessment	-100	-48	
Total Video History Current Year Revenue	1,900	917	
Video History - Expenses			
Equipment & Supplies	500	0	
Software Licenses	294	194	
Interview Expenses	0	75	iDrive Subscription
Transfer Out	0	0	
Total Video History Expenses	794	269	
Increase (Decrease) in Current Year Balance	1,106	648	
Uncommitted Video History	10,359	9,901	

Account Categories	FY22 Approved Budget	Actual YTD as of 1/31/2022	COMMENTS
Scholarship Endowment Fund			
Scholarship Endowment Principal (40003616)			
Balance July 1	84,403	84,403	
Invested Funds Gain (-Loss)	5,000	3,959	
Payout to Endowment Spending - FY22	-3,000	0	
Current-Year Contributions	2,300	836	
Transfer from Operations	0	80	
Foundation Management Fees	-1,000	0	
Total Scholarship Endowment Principal	87,703	89,278	
Scholarship Endowment Spending (70003616)			
Balance July 1	3,602	3,602	
Payout from Endowment Principal - FY21	3,000	0	
Transfer from Operations	0	0	
Transfer from Special Projects (Book Sale Proceeds)	1,000	0	
ASU Scholarship	-3,600	-3,600	
Total Scholarship Endowment Spending	4,002	2	

Government Liaison Committee Meeting Report – March 2022

Good morning ASURA Board! Here are the active bills we are watching:

Voting:

HB2596 – elections; revisions; mail-in; identification; tabulation. This bill will require that ALL voting takes place in person on election day only! It was introduced by the Republicans and is gaining a lot of support! If it passes, it would be enacted in 2024, just in time for the Presidential election! There may, and that's a big "may" be provisions that a person qualifies for mail-in ballot but must prove reason to have such a provision granted.

SB1255 – lieutenant governor; duties; ballot. This bill establishes the office of the Lieutenant governor and defines the duties for that position. It has already passed in the Senate and was sent to the House on 3/3/2022.

Other voting bills I'm watching have not had any action since the end of January, some have had no action since they were introduced.

Universities

HB2276 - state law; violation; schools; universities. This is a revision to Revised Statutes and expands the legislators' abilities to call for an attorney general investigation for violations of state law, ordinance, regulation, order or other official action. Originally meant for investigations into city, county and town violations, this bill specifically adds the "Arizona Board of Regents or governing body, or the governing board of a community college district, school district or Charter." The House Majority and Minority caucuses proved this bill, with amendments, on Feb 22nd.

SB1082 – ASRS; lease-purchase agreements; contribution; prepayment. (Was ASRS; Employee contributions; prepayment) This bill has changed directions and now allows and ASRS employer to prepay the employer's required pension contributions (directly to ASRS) by borrowing or by entering into lease-purchase agreements for school buildings. This bill has passed the Senate and moved onto the House as of 2/24/22

SB1083 ASRS; modifications. This bill has a few concerning provisions, such as it removes statute relating to the ability of the ASRS board to make payment to another person in the case of incapacity of a retired member or contingent annuitant. It has passed from the Senate to the House. I've asked Dick Jacob his thoughts and if he's received any feedback from ASRS.

SB1145 – ABOR Optional Retirement programs. Revises ARS 15-1628. The purpose of this bill is to allow ABOR to set up an ORP for employees and guarantee that ABOR matching funds, if not transferred to an ORP after 5 years of service, are "forfeited to the institution" instead of going to the state. This bill has not moved since 1/12/22.

SB1123 - disruption; educational institution; concealed weapon. The purpose of this bill is to prohibit “the governing board of any university, college or community college from prohibiting the possession of a concealed weapon by a concealed weapon permit holder, or the lawful transportation or storage of a firearm.” This bill has not had any action since 1/24/22.

HB2447 – firearms; universities; community colleges; campus. This bill allows faculty members and registered students to carry or possess firearms on the property of public universities and community colleges, provided they comply with specific requirements. This bill was on the Consent Calendar on 2/14/22 but did not move forward due to an objection.

NOTE: I/Jeri have entered an “against” position in the AZLEG.gov system for both SB1123 and HB2447.

HB2231 – universities; water rights adjudication. This bill reinstates a requirement that the state university offer pro bono assistance to claimants in the general stream [water rights] adjudications who are small land owner without legal counsel. This House bill has moved on to the Senate.

Health/Vulnerable Adult

SB1162 – opioid prescriptions; intractable pain; exceptions. This bill exempts patients with perioperative surgical pain, intractable pain or chronic intractable pain from statutory opioid prescription dosage restrictions. This bill has passed the Senate and is now being considered by the House.

HB2049 – fingerprint requirements; care facilities. This bill directs volunteers or contractors of residential care institutions, nursing care institutions or home health agencies providing specified services to have a valid fingerprint clearance card or apply for a fingerprint clearance card within 20 working days. This bill is through the House and in the Senate.

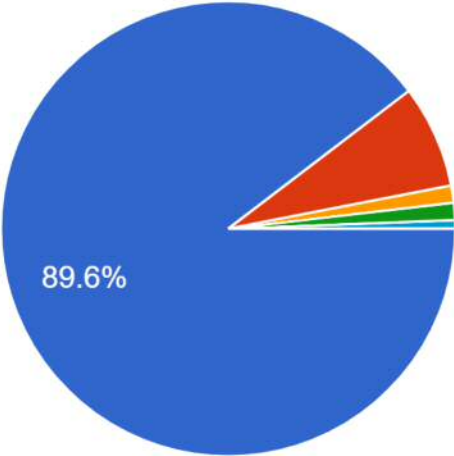
The Crossover date – 100 days after the Legislative session starts - is approaching quickly so if bills don't move forward in their initiating arena (House or Senate) it is unlikely they will move forward this legislative session. But there are over a hundred strike-all bills hanging out there can help legislators work around this rule. Stay tuned!

As always, I encourage our Board to reach out to your State Representatives and Senators about current bills and issues that interest you. To find out who your Arizona Legislators are go here: <https://www.azleg.gov/findmylegislator/>

To research current legislative bills by keyword go here:
<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/SearchKeywords>

What is your stand regarding allowing concealed weapons on campus

164 responses



- I am extremely opposed to allowing concealed weapons on campus
- I am opposed to allowing concealed weapons on campus
- I am indifferent to allowing concealed weapons on campus
- Think it is OK to allow concealed weapons on campus
- I strongly support allowing concealed...
- I strong support allowing concealed w...

Comments (61)

1. I believe more guns lead to more gun violence. I see that countries with lower guns per capita have less gun violence. There is no need for guns on a college campus.
2. Guns have no place in an educational environment. Students and faculty should feel enabled to have robust discussions and share varying perspectives without fear of harm. Students living on campus should feel safe in their residence halls that they won't be collateral damage from another student's misfire or intentional fire. Campus police should not have to enter a situation not knowing who the "good guy" is vs the "bad guy" crime is significantly lower on college campuses than elsewhere. The proposed legislation is unnecessary and will be harmful. I strongly oppose the pending legislative proposal.
3. The pending bill in the Arizona Legislature, if made into law, would increase the risk of campus shootings. It would also greatly impede the teaching function of the universities. And it would make it more difficult to attract talented new hires to the faculty.
4. MORE guns is not what is needed on-campus or ANYWHERE ELSE for that matter. Please do NOT allow concealed weapons to be carried on ANY University, College, or School in the state of Arizona.
5. Guns serve no useful purpose on any campus, especially one with such a large number of people thereon. I agree with what I think was an early comment by President Crow: 'you take a gun somewhere to use it.'
6. Guns have no place on a campus
7. I would not teach at a university where concealed weapons are allowed.
8. There is no need for anyone: student, faculty, and/or staff to bring a weapon on campus. That's why there are campus police.

9. There are many students who already carry on campus, why do we want to make more. Raging hormones and firearms are exactly what is needed on the college campus! What a crock initiated by people who live in fear.
10. We need to remember the loss of three innocent professors and the assailant @ one of our tri-universities U of A in 2002. Weapon freedom is running rampant throughout the country
11. Also opposed to ANY weapons on campus, concealed or open carry!
12. But...should be allowed when person works for campus police or protective government agency in protecting those who are on campus.
13. I will retire immediately and never return
14. College-age humans are known for sometimes making bad choices. When bad decisions are made, adding a gun to the equation can become deadly for innocent bystanders. I see no reason to allow concealed weapons on campus and I fear for the ultimate safety of students on campus.
15. the fewer guns, the better
16. The available research shows that it is NOT effective to arm so-called protectors (faculty, staff) In educational settings. To the contrary, this brings greater danger of mishaps. Please be guided by the research, not politics!
17. Guns on campus is a terrible idea!
18. I'm opposed to allowing any weapons on campus except licensed officers of the law.
19. If no one has them, no one needs them.
20. Horrible idea!!! I was a Health Care Provider in Health Services at ASU. SOOOO many students have mental health issues. Guns in people with mental health issues are an established potential disaster! Why would anyone consider this a good thing??? It's insane! How would

residential life handle it when a roommate has a gun... is that fair to the other roommate? What a nightmare that would be for residential life to manage...

21. Guns are not an answer to anything. The campus needs to be free from the threat that concealed weapons can bring.
22. If concealed guns were allowed on University campuses in Arizona, I would make sure none of my grandchildren attend those schools and would discourage any of my relatives from sending their children and grandchildren to Arizona schools. Concealed guns would increase danger on campus. Guns and schools don't mix. Keep guns off our campuses!
23. Guns on campus is a recipe for disaster. We should oppose this strongly!
24. The security we now have on campus would be severely compromised with firearms being encouraged.
25. Criminals will have concealed guns. Faculty must be able to defend themselves while awaiting police.
26. Frightening to be standing in front of large lecture room with gun in there
27. Increasing the presence of lethal weapons on campus increases risk. Faculty have been killed in classrooms (U of A) by guns. Please stop this escalation of lethality.
28. This is, unfortunately, a zombie bill: it will probably be defeated this year, but we will see it again in some form. This isn't the first time this has been proposed.
29. I am a Professor Emerata from Arizona State University and I find the thught of concealed weapons on campus absolutely frightening. There are already too many weapons in the hands of people who do not use them responsibly. Increasing the numbers of weapons in any public area increases the liklihood of injury to innocent people. I can not imagine standing in front of a classroom, knowing there might be concealed weapons within the student group assembled. Please vote against allowing concealed weapons on all Arizona State Universities.
30. Concealed weapons on campus is likely to lead to preventable bloodshed on campuses.

31. I think it is appalling that carry, open or not, is permitted anywhere, but especially object to it on campus.
32. These are very stressful times for all of us now and allowing guns on campus would be the worst possible solution to any problem. Many people are experiencing various levels of mental issues these days and by putting a loaded gun in that person's hand is just fueling the fire! Anyway, why would anyone feel the need to bring a concealed loaded gun on campus anyway? We are an institution of learning, not a location for target practice!
33. I worked in the personal counseling mental health area of ASU. Some of the students which are seen are struggling with various degrees of mental health and not fully capable of taking care of themselves and handling their busy academic and work schedules let alone having easy access to guns. Approving such a bill would allow them to possibility use on a bad mental health day in the wrong circumstance in which several students, staff and faculty etc. could suffer horrid results. BAD IDEA!!!!
34. Guns on campus would be disastrous!
35. Guns are not for a learning environment and always unsafe if not handled appropriately.
36. This would be a HUGE mistake to allow guns on campus. I worked at ASU for 12 years. Do not allow this to happen!!!
37. This is not a good idea, more people will be dead if guns are allowed on campus.
38. This isn't the wild west. There is no need for concealed nor unconcealed weapons on campus except for ASU police officers. The idea that this is even being considered is ludicrous! Further, having weapons on campus will only promote INTIMIDATION and ENHANCED violence on campus. Just because we could doesn't mean we should. ASU will no longer be considered a safe work and school environment if concealed guns of any kind are allowed on campus.
39. No way, no how.

40. Guns are designed to kill. I have spent my entire work life - 42 years - on college/university campuses, as faculty member, department chair, division director. Students are great but still growing, maturing, and on their way to adulthood. Not there yet! NO GUNS!
41. Why in the world is such a thing even being considered!!
42. I have been opposed to allowing guns on campus for a long time. Allowing concealed weapons in campus is just compounding the problems with the initial question of guns/weapons on campus. There is a mistaken notion that having a gun in one's possession anytime is an expression of the 2nd Amendment. It is not. It is the expression of lawlessness and of an uncivilized society.
43. My understanding is more weapons available increases use of them
44. Please! Guns escalate confrontations. Guns are not tools for de-escalation. Allowing weapons on campus makes the campus exponentially more unsafe.
45. I have been in front of a classroom when a disagreement escalated. I am glad that it did not result in violence or the deployment of a concealed weapon. I am unsure why concealed weapons are required?
46. There is no need for weapons in an educational institution.
47. There is NO reason for ever allowing anyone other than officers of police. They are trained in the correct safe enforcement of law which means that they decide might use of a weapon. No other person would possibly be appropriately trained. Shooting a gun concealed or revealed would be terribly dangerous for everyone.
48. But I do believe we should be allowed to lock our weapon (if we have one) in our vehicle.
49. Having helped a graduate student (years ago) that became depressed and then threatened his professor/advisor with a gun and subsequently committed suicide on campus, I have first hand knowledge of what can occur when guns are on campus. Even without that incident, I am adamantly opposed to guns on campus.

50. Concealed weapons on campus will increase the chances of harm rather than increase protection.
51. If I were not already retired, I would quit if guns were to be allowed on campus via concealed carry rules.
52. The possibility of armed students in their classroom is the last thing professors and students need to worry about.
53. As a former hunter and long time gun owner as well as a retired professor, the only reason I can imagine for someone to bring concealed weapons on campus is to commit actions intended to injure others. For safety purposes , we prohibit racing cars or motor cycles on campus and even restrict bicycles and skateboards for many heavily used areas. Why in heavens name should we allow concealed firearms?
54. I spent 24 years at ASU, retired from ASU Police Dept. From time to time a responsible student came to the department to check their gun in lock up till they left campus. But they had to carry the gun on campus to get to us. I have no doubt there are some folks who carry a gun, even though it is not allowed. A man retrieving his gun from our lock up asked me if I minded if he loaded the gun and chambered a round. I told him I did mind and that he can do that at his car as he leaves campus. There are enough concerning gathering on campus, protests, and anti-protests. It will not surprise me in the least when verbal disagreements turn into fatal violence. We fail to learn from history when we don't remember what happened on the WV campus years ago when one student with a gun opened fire on unsuspecting students and faculty. Years back we had a professor shot in his office by a student who came during office hours. Guns do not improve the Scholastic environment.
55. Unhappy students have easy access to professors during office hours. That can present an opportunity for a fatal encounter.
56. I am extremely opposed to allowing weapons in public spaces, period.

57. In addition to making campus life less safe, having concealed guns on campus would sow suspicion and mistrust among faculty, staff, and students, and thus undermine the spirit of free inquiry and discussion.
58. I can think of no good reason to allow guns on campus. It is the antithesis of what higher education is about.
59. Wacko right-wing madness!
60. I don't understand why and I am concerned as the emerging adult is still in the midst of developing good executive brain functioning. Making good decisions can be a challenge for this population. I also understand there are a number of non traditional students on campus who may be more responsible, but I still don't understand this logic. I once saw an individual carry in an Ikea, that too a bad idea.
61. having been a professor (once at ASU), I can't imagine a disgruntled student in my class who may have a gun... emotions can lead one to do things they might not other times.

Report on Finance Committee Meeting on 2/21/2021

Finance Committee Meeting on 2/21/2021

Present: Barry Bruns, Carolyn Minner, Gary Kleemann, and Barry McNeill

Topic: What to do if anything with the excess funds in the Operations Account

Background

At the September Board meeting the Finance Committee presented the Financial Health of the Association report (see table below). The report showed ASURA was financially healthy, and it pointed out there was a sizable Excess Funds in Operations, significantly more than the previous years.

The Finance Committee meet with Jerry Snyder on September 27 to discuss the required annual review of expenses. The report to the Board was delivered during the October Board meeting. The review of expenses showed things were fine and included several comments one of which addressed the Excess funds in Operations. The main thrust of the comments about the Excess was that the Finance Committee should meet to discuss what to do if anything with the Excess. The final comment was:

While either long-term or short-term options are possible, until getting COVID better under control and effectively behind us, short-term or one time options seem a more reasonable approach to consider.

Financial Health Calculations

Item	FY22*	FY 21	FY20	FY 19
Current year expense (operations)*	\$11,484	\$18,801	\$19,933	\$18,834
Current year revenue*	\$18,810	\$18,366	\$18,286	\$19,701
Revenue minus Expenses	\$7,326	-\$435	-\$1,697	\$867
Half (Previous Expenses minus Current Scholarship)	\$5,465	\$5,465	\$6,117	\$5,617
Current Scholarship	\$6,400	\$7,872	\$7,700	\$7,600
Adequate Cash Reserve	\$11,865	\$13,337	\$13,187	\$13,217
Current Cash Reserve	\$42,048	\$34,722	\$35,157	\$36,854
Excess Funds	\$30,183	\$21,385	\$21,970	\$23,637

*Projected based on proposed budget.

Report on Finance Committee Meeting on 2/21/2021

Meeting Discussion

Barry presented an Excel table that made some projections about the future size of the Excess. The table showed that the Excess stayed at or close to \$30,000 for the next 3 years, about \$10,000 over historic levels. It was clear that taking \$10,000 out of Operations was not going to have long term negative impacts.

So, the question became: What is the best use of these Excess funds?
There were several options

1. Purchase a large item that ASURA would like to have but felt it was too expensive
2. Put the money in the Scholarship Endowment fund
3. Increase the size of the Scholarship
4. Increase the size of the Scholarship but split it into two scholarships

These four options were discussed with the following conclusions

1. No one on the committee was aware of any large item and this idea was set aside.
2. There are long term benefits from increasing the Scholarship endowment, including increasing the annual payout from earnings to the Scholarship spending account. The greater the amount in the spending account the less has to come out of Operations to pay for the Scholarship.
3. Increasing the size of the scholarship had some appeal, especially with the imposition of various fees above and beyond tuition. This could be a long term commitment or possibly spread out over several years. At the present time a long-term commitment did not seem prudent. Spreading it over five years by increasing the scholarship amount by \$2,000 per year is certainly feasible.
4. There was no support for splitting the scholarship. Sue Blumer and Joy Shearman, long time Scholarship Chairs have expressed no desire to split the money into two pots.

Recommendation

The committee recommends Option 2, building up the endowment. This has long term benefits that are not possible if the excess is used to increase the scholarship for a few years.