

Silver Jackets Meeting

March 11, 2014 at 11:00 A.M.

Georgia Tech Student Center, Room 343

Minutes

Members Attending (17) Robert Green, Susan Kenan, Annette Satterfield, Ian Gatland, Roger F. Rupnow, Jerry Thuesen, Jamie Goode, George Cain, Rena Brakebill, David Schmieder, Martha Farley, Walter Allen, Sandra Thornton, Maureen Glass, Ward O. Winer, Len Parsons, Sally Hammock

Business Meeting

Ian Gatland, President of Silver Jackets, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

President **Gatland** presented a plaque to **Annette Satterfield** recognizing her outstanding service as **2013 Silver Jackets President**.

President Gatland announced that in addition to e-mail announcements about the deaths of retired faculty and staff, e-mails will also be sent on the occasion of deaths of spouses, children, parents (if any). Comments about this policy, if any, are welcomed.

On April 3 a **blood drive** will be held in the Student Center. A sign-up sheet for those willing to assist was circulated.

Roger Rupnow, Treasurer, presented a report showing Account Balances as follows:

Endowment Account --\$4,600

Operations Account--\$4,681

Ward Winer, Vice-President announced that the speaker for the April 8 meeting will be Thomas Lux, Poet-in-Residence.

Program

MOOCS In Engineering (Massive Open Online Course)

Dr. Wayne E. Whiteman, Senior Academic Professional, in the School of Mechanical Engineering, discussed the following topics and responded to numerous questions from the members:

A revolutionary program but not a replacement for on-campus learning

The first offering—Introduction to Engineering Mechanics (Statics—Part 1)

The students--17,000 enrolled, 4,000 completed the 1st quiz, 2,000 completed the 5th quiz, 1469 earned a Completion Statement, and 793 earned a Statement of Accomplishment

The second offering—17,994 enrolled, 3042 completed 1st quiz, 905 completed the 5th quiz, and 566 earned Statement of Accomplishment

Student ages, gender and location

Preparation and Planning—Critical for a course with 8,000 students.

Current Offering—Dynamics of Particles (6,345 enrolled)

Sponge Analogy—Squeeze out the errors.

Grading

Q and A Forum

Complaints

Evolution of the Business Model

Stepping up faculty members' game

Other Issues—Certification Fees, Sponsorships, Licensing, Credit by Examinations,

The meeting was adjourned. Several members later gathered in the Student Center Restaurant for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Earl Green, Silver Jackets Secretary