

Retirees Rights and Benefits Committee  
Minutes from October 28, 2016 Meeting  
(Received from Elspeth Healey)

In compiling the list of resources (also pasted below), I noticed several inconsistencies with respect to the Retirees Handbook (titled “Information for Retirees and Prospective Retirees” on the document itself). First, the Handbook doesn’t appear in the alphabetical list of policies in the policy library (either under “Retirees Handbook” or “Information for Retirees and Prospective Retirees”). A copy is linked to in the policy library from the KU Retirees website first created by John Younger ([http://policy.ku.edu/sites/policy.ku.edu/files/retirees-handbook\\_0.pdf](http://policy.ku.edu/sites/policy.ku.edu/files/retirees-handbook_0.pdf), dated 1 October 2013), but this appears to have been superseded by the version Ola Faucher sent out to Ruthie in her email (<http://humanresources.ku.edu/sites/humanresources.drupal.ku.edu/files/docs/Information%20for%20University%20Retirees%20and%20Phased%20or%20Prospective%20Retirees.pdf>, dated 17 May 2015). However, if you try to navigate to the Handbook as linked to from the HR site (<https://humanresources.ku.edu/retirees-associates-homepage>), the link is broken, or at least I receive a message saying I’m not authorized to access this page (see <http://policy.ku.edu/human-resources/retirees-handbook>).

In both the 2013 and the 2015 editions of the Handbook, it states near the top of the handbook that it is “Updated annually by the University Senate Committee on Retiree Rights and Benefits,” though this is not listed in our standing or specific charges. It seems as though we should investigate ensuring that the most up-to-date version of the Retiree Handbook is available (and indexed) in the Policy Library and linked to from the HR site and other pertinent sites. I’m happy to pursue this further, but I wanted to share this information with the rest of the committee and our Chair first before moving ahead. What do you think? Am I missing an obvious “authoritative” version of the handbook?

Here is a brief list of links to pertinent resources for the Committee (also included in the minutes):

- **Retirees Rights and Benefits Committee page for FY2017** (gives committee description, current membership, charges): <https://governance.ku.edu/retirees-rights-and-benefits-2017>
- **Past years’ committee memberships, charges, minutes, and final reports:** <https://governance.ku.edu/all-committees> (scroll down for Retirees Rights and Benefits)
- **KU Retirees Website (*Opportunities for 60+*):** <https://retirees.drupal.ku.edu/>
- **Retirees Handbook on KU Retirees page:** <https://retirees.drupal.ku.edu/retirees-handbook>
- **PDF form of Retirees Handbook in KU Policy Library:** [http://policy.ku.edu/sites/policy.ku.edu/files/retirees-handbook\\_0.pdf](http://policy.ku.edu/sites/policy.ku.edu/files/retirees-handbook_0.pdf) (LAST UPDATED 1 October 2013)
- **PDF form of the Retirees Handbook from HR Website:** <http://humanresources.ku.edu/sites/humanresources.drupal.ku.edu/files/docs/Information%20for%20University%20Retirees%20and%20Phased%20or%20Prospective%20Retirees.pdf> (LAST UPDATED 17 May 2015)

Apologies for the length of this email, and I look forward to your feedback on the minutes draft and your thoughts on the issue of resolving the versions of the Retirees Handbook!

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