

Agenda
UC Davis Retirees' Association
Executive Board Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2006
1:30-3:00 p.m., Room 102 HR Building

- ✓1. **Announcements**
 - a. **Staff Meal Plan – University Dining Services**
 - b. **December 14 luncheon – The Madrigal Choir**
- ✓2. **Approval of Minutes of the October 2, 2006 Board Meeting**
- ✓3. **UC Davis Retiree Center Update – Doreen Strnad**
 - a. **Results of activities survey at Oct 23 meeting**
 - b. **Proposed activities schedule for 2006-07**
- ✓4. **Status of the 2006-07 Budget – Bob Halferty**
 - a. **Proposed new budget process**
 - b. **Campus parking privileges**
5. **Officer/Committee Reports**
 - ✓a. **Treasurer – Carol Kurtz**
 - ✓b. **Membership Committee – Aggie Costantini**
 - ✓c. **Nominating Committee – Gary Schultz**
 - d. **Program Committee – Aggie Costantini**
 - e. **Centennial Planning Committee – Charles Lacy**
 - f. **Newsletter/PR Committee – Corinne Cooke**
 - g. **CUCRA Representative – Anne Gray**
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Two-year terms for officers – discussion**
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Changing the fiscal year to July 1 – June 30 - discussion**
 - for purposes of budget and accounting
 - for membership and dues
 - discontinue free first year of dues?
 - b. **Need for new stationery and revised brochure**
 - c. **Joint Board meetings**

REVISED
UCD Retirees' Association
Board Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2006
UC Davis Human Resources Building
Room 102
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Barbara Anderson, Bob Bynum, Corinne Cooke, Aggie Costantini, Earlene Doss, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Anne Gray, Arleen Kasmire, Carol Kurtz, Charles Lacy, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Gary Schultz, Doreen Strnad and Bob Halferty, President

Guests: Charles Hess and Richard Walters

Unable to attend: Gilmer Apaka, Beverly Brooks, Bob Eernisse, Howard Franks, and Jim Wilson

Announcements

University Dining Services now offers staff meals at reasonable rates (45 meals for \$288). The offer is now being considered for retirees. Information will be included in the UC DRA forthcoming newsletter.

The Madrigal Choir will perform at the December 14 retiree/emeriti luncheon.

Provost Hinshaw has approved free retiree parking permits for 2007 and 2008.

Bob talked with Jim Wilson, who reported that his son had been involved in a serious automobile accident.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 2, 2006 meeting were approved.

UC Davis Retiree Center Update

Doreen Strnad reported that the Center office had moved to Everson Hall. She asked the Board to turn their attention to the questionnaire, "Tell Us What You Want," and its results. Of the 120 surveys handed out at the October General Meeting, 65 people responded and 13 of those offered to volunteer.

Respondents favored a Fall Wine Festival as the most popular event. Under the category of Arts and Cultures, outings coordinated with UCD Retirees/Emeriti only were preferred. Travel was the most favored topic for lectures and discussions.

Strnad then outlined the various volunteer committees that she is proposing and is looking for point persons for each. The committees are Brochure revision (January-February 2007) and Mission Statement/Logo (begin January) - grouped together under the standing Membership and Publication Committees. Membership Drive (February-March) – standing committee already exists. Picnic Day Open House and Picnic Day Parade (Saturday, April 14) Steak Bake (Saturday, June 9)

Thank You Dinner/Advisory Committee (Thursday, May 24).

Trio Scholars (begins January) - (this is tentative). Trio Scholars is a federally-funded program for undergraduate students who are the first in their family to attend college. Retirees might serve as mentors.

Chancellor's Garden Party/New Retirees & Emeriti (September 2007)

Website Development - Barbara Anderson volunteered to be the point person.

Status of the 2006-07 Budget

Bob Halferty explained that the budget was submitted back in October to Dennis Shimek's office. Since then, the advisory committee has had meetings and discussions with Leslie Hays and Doreen, and a draft has been prepared outlining the areas funded by the Center, and the Retirees and Emeriti Associations. Once in place, the budgets would carry through each year. Keep in mind, this proposal is still in draft form.

The Retiree Center would support four areas

- Meetings (EA and RA general, Emeriti Association (EA) monthly programs, EA executive committee): room rentals, parking and AV
- Newsletters including printing and mailing
- Travel to Council meetings for representatives and alternates
- Video records project of the Emeriti Association: cost of equipment replacement and supplies.

The Retirees Association (RA) would pay for

- All refreshments at meetings
- CUCRA dues (\$1.00/member)
- Special mailings
- Office supplies and expenses
- Brochures and stationary
- Staff scholarships

Last year, with total expenses of \$5,650, under the proposed allocation of costs \$2,472 would have been paid by RA and \$3,178 would have been paid by the Center. Under the proposal, all RA expenses would be paid from the Association's agency account (8071900) and the Association's general fund account (2069057) would be closed. Shimek's office would no longer provide funding. Every year each Association would have input in the budget process.

Officers/Committee Reports

Treasurer. Carol Kurtz reported a balance of \$10,212. Expense information was unavailable.

Membership. Aggie Costantini reported that \$755 was deposited recently, representing 48 annual and three life members. Letters were mailed to new retirees resulting in a 15% return or 17 new members (first-year retirees pay no dues to join the Association).

It was suggested that names of the new members be listed in the newsletter. A. Costantini and C. Kurtz will provide information to B. Bynum and C. Cooke.

Nominating. Gary Schultz is awaiting an updated membership list before beginning the process. C. Kurtz will provide the information to Schultz.

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT

Dear UC Davis Retiree/Emeriti:

With the new UC Davis Retiree Center now open, we are eager to get direct "customer" feedback on what you're hoping for in terms of activities, services and events. Please complete this form and return it to one of the volunteers collecting them at the exit doors. *Thanks for your input!*

1). Please circle which social event(s) you would enjoy the most:

- a). Steak Bake
- b). Fall Wine Festival
- c). Mothers' Day Brunch
- d). Goose Stew
- e). All of the above
- f). None of the above
- g). Other: _____

2). Please circle the types of outings you would prefer:

- a). art & culture
 - b). wine country
 - c). sporting events
 - d). All of the above
 - e). None of the above
 - f). Other: _____
- 3). Do you prefer that these outings be coordinated with other senior oriented groups OR solely by the UCD Retiree Center and affiliated associations?**

With other groups _____ Solely UCD Retiree Center _____

4). What sort of services would you like the Center to provide?

- a). free notary
- b). Information about retiree activities sponsored by other organizations.
- c). Information about assisted living
- d). Training in the use of computers (email)
- e) other _____

5) Do you have suggestions for speakers you would like to hear at the Retiree/Emeriti Luncheon Meetings or at the General Meetings.

6) What information would you like to see in your association's newsletters?

7) Have you checked out the UC Davis Retiree Center web site?

Yes

No

8) Are you interested in serving as a volunteer at the Retiree Center?

Name _____

9). Other suggestions? _____

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Attached please find the results of our "Tell Us What You Want" questionnaire, given out at Monday's General Meeting. We had approximately 120 attendees; 65 people returned their questionnaire and 13 of those offered to volunteer.

The attachment has the exact details for each category. However, to summarize here:

- 1). "Fall Wine Festival" was the most popular event
- 2). "Art & Culture" was the most popular category for outings, with specific suggestions such as:
Giants baseball games, Dixon Downs, train tours on campus/new facilities, Skunk Train, Reno, Tahoe
- 3). More people preferred our outings to be coordinated solely for UCD Retirees/Emeriti than to share with other retiree groups
- 4). "Travel" was the most popular topic for lectures/discussions, with Arts/Culture & Healthy Aging both following close behind in 2nd place. Additional ideas include: gardening, agriculture, textiles/fashion, Voter's Initiatives/Propositions, medical & vet med breakthroughs
- 5). All 4 service categories were fairly equal in popularity
- 6). Suggestions for lectures include: nutrition, med school experts' advice on aging, astronomy, environmental issues, art & music, an update from each Dean on current research in their department
- 7). Newsletter suggestions include: highlights of members & their activities/travels, more news on campus research & programs, In Memorium list, Faculty honors/awards, list of new members, fewer lists of sporting events
- 8). "Anything else you'd like to tell us?" includes: "What to do when a retiree/emeriti spouse dies" article on the web site, discounts for Mondavi, UCD Theatre/Dance, ARC, & produce a Centennial DVD to sell as a fundraiser for the associations

More food for thought!

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5). What sort of services would you like the Center to provide:

- a). Free notary - 26
- b). Information about retirement activities from other organizations - 24
- c). Information about Assisted Living & other care options - 28
- d). Computer training (e-mail, Internet access, etc.) - 28
- e). Other: _____

6). Let us know your recommendations for lecturers at our International House luncheons:

7). What type of information would you like to see in your Association's newsletter?

**8). Have you checked out our new Retiree Center web site?
If yes, let us know what you think:**

9). We need volunteers! Please write down your name & contact information if you are interested in volunteering for the UCD Retiree Center:

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

10). Anything else you'd like to tell us?