

Agenda

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2008 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Room 182 HR Building

1. Retiree Center Announcements
2. UCD Emeriti Association Update – Alex McCalla
3. UCD Retiree Center Update – Marjorie Ahl
4. Approval of Minutes of the September 7, 2008, and the June 2, 2008, Board Meetings
5. Officer / Committee Reports
 - a. Treasurer – Carol Kurtz
 - b. CUCRA Representative – Barbara Nichols
 - c. Membership Committee – Aggie Costantini
 - d. Newsletter Editor – Bob Bynum
6. Committee on Public Relations Status Update
7. Old Business
 - a. Parking Renewal Update
 - b. Scholarships
8. New Business
 - a. Chancellor as Speaker at Spring General Meeting
 - b. Discussion of Recall Status
 - c. Issue of Safety of Retiree Savings held by University (Fidelity)
 - d. Joint Presentation on Housing Opportunities
 - e. Recall Status
 - f. Mail List

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Executive Board
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Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Marjorie Ahl, Aggie Costantini, Micki Eagle, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Anne Gray, Ted Hillyer, Arleen Kasmire , Carol Kurtz, Alex McCalla, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice, Jim Wilson, and Gary Schultz, President

Unable to attend: Beverly Brooks, Bob Bynum, Lew Dudman, Bob Halferty and Yvonne Marsh

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by President Gary Schultz

Retiree Center Update

From Marjorie Ahl, we learned that it has been a very busy time with only one person now working at the Center. She asked the Board to ponder the question of what will bring retirees back to campus. The Center held a reception after the Chancellor's Convocation but the turn out was small.

Ahl has been working on

- a. Final plans for the October Fest -- Friday, October 10, 5:00-7:00 PM at The Pub/Silo
- b. Harley English Tennis Tournament, October 10, 11 and 12 [45 players have signed up]
- c. Joint General Meeting of the UCDDA/UCDEA – October 20
- d. Benefits Faire – first part of November
- e. November 8 Tailgate Party before the Aggie/CSUS football game
- f. Assisting with membership renewals of both the Retirees and Emeriti Associations.

The Association newsletter has been mailed. (Some retirees have and some have not received their copy. Gary Schultz will call Bulk Mail for a status report.)

Later this month, Ahl will attend a meeting where she hopes to learn more about how other UC Retiree Centers operate.

Events coming up include a wine tasting and a basketball social. She needs help planning these two events.

Emeriti Association

Alex McCalla reported that Verne Mendel continues to work on the video history project, with 15 DVD's containing excerpts from over 130 video interviews completed and six more in the queue. The interviews will be on the Centennial and Emeriti Association web sites after October 10 and Community TV will air them.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 2, 2008 General Meeting were approved.

The minutes of the September 7 Executive Board meeting were approved with the following changes:

- a. Correct spelling for Lew Dudman (rather than Lou) throughout minutes.
- b. Barbara Nichols and Deanna Falge-Pritchard reported that the next CUCRA meeting will be October 30, 2008 on the UCSC campus.
- c. Page 2, line 3, correct spelling of Deanna (Falge-Pritchard).
- d. Page 2, line 12, the word is precedents (rather than precedence).

Treasurer's Report

Carol Kurtz indicated a beginning balance of \$11,833.84; Income: \$320.00; Expenses: \$281.83; Ending balance: \$11,872.01

CUCRA Report

Barbara Nichols said that the CUCRA meeting is scheduled for October 30, 9:00 to 3:30 at UC Santa Cruz. Final information and agenda will be available October 14. Among the speakers will be the UCSC chancellor and representatives from OP.

Membership Committee Report

Aggie Costantini reported that 192 letters for the 2008-09 cycle have been mailed. An application can be completed by filling out the bottom portion of the letter, enclosing it with a check, and mailing it in the return envelope. The intent is to catch those members whose memberships have lapsed. Total cost for mailing - \$84.00 (stamps).

Committee on Public Relations Status Update

With Yvonne Marsh absent, no update was available.

Old Business

a. Parking Renewal Update. McCalla and Schultz met with Bob L-Z, who will check on the status of parking permits which expire December 31.

b. Scholarships. At the last meeting, the Board talked about scholarships for UCD staff and how little is known about the process of awarding them. Does the Retirees' Association wish to continue to fund scholarships and, if so, how should the process be handled?

Arleen Kasmire gave a brief history of the Association's involvement which began in 1998 when an award of \$500 was given. Since then, it has grown to \$1000. The scholarship ties in with UC Davis Staff Assembly, with Corinne Cooke working on behalf of RA. She would receive the applications with the applicants' names blocked out, review them, and make her recommendations to UC Davis Staff Assembly.

Various Board members believe that a better tracking system needs to be implemented. According to Carol Kurtz, one problem is not knowing the recipient's name. Another is obtaining the necessary school fee receipts so that the scholarship recipients can be reimbursed for their expenses. There are lingering doubts not knowing much about the scholarship process itself. Presently, over \$11,000 is in the account.

If the scholarship were eliminated, perhaps a portion of the funds could be redirected. The idea of hosting a reception for newly retired staff was suggested. This could be a wonderful way to increase membership and something that could be done every year. Perhaps both could be done – award a scholarship and host the reception.

The scholarship program could continue but be set up differently. It was proposed that two fact-finding ad hoc committees be formed:

1. Look at scholarships [Micki Eagle volunteered to chair]
2. Hosting an annual reception for newly retired staff [Barbara Nichols, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, with assistance from Marjorie Ahl]

Schultz will prepare charges for the two subcommittees.

New Business

a. Chancellor as Speaker at Spring Meeting. Invite Chancellor to give a “farewell” talk. The idea of having the program (talk) before the business portion of the meeting was suggested and favored by the Board. It will be done on a “trial” basis.

b. Discussion of Recall Status. Schultz, along with Sandra Filby, met with the Human Resources Director and their representative to discuss how a tentative change in policy will impact retirees who come back to work on recall status. The maximum time would be limited to 43 percent. This is all tentative. Retirees need to be aware that changes in the policy may be coming.

c. Issue of Safety of Retiree Savings held by University (Fidelity). Assure constituents that their money is okay. What does it mean to our investments because the market has dropped so much? What is the impact on our funds? Implications of financial situation? Here are some things you can do with the hard times.

Ideas/Comments from Board members: Perhaps OP could write a letter to all retirees with a statement of assurance that retirement packages are secure. This is of interest to people. People need to call Fidelity themselves. An economist may speak at the November UCDEA/UCDRA Brown Bag lunch. Send postcards to local retirees inviting them to that meeting.

d. Joint Presentation on Housing Opportunities

Should an organization be allowed to speak about housing opportunities for seniors? It really would not be appropriate for just one company to come and talk.

Alex McCalla indicated that at the upcoming UC Davis Emeriti Association meeting, up to three groups may be making separate presentations on the availability of housing for seniors. It should not be just one outfit.

What about an open fair? Have information booths at the fair where University community retirees could come and learn about areas that would be of interest to them (such as housing, fitness, and OLLI). Expand it and have more booths than just housing. Gary Schultz will pursue with EA at their Thursday meeting. EA would take the lead and RA would support and share in the cost.

e. Mail List. The Retirees’ Association does not have an e-mail list serve as does the EA. Micki Eagle and Schultz will work on developing such a list.

For the next meeting, Schultz asked members to think about ways to improve attendance at UC DRA meetings and events. What kinds of things might we do (such as holding a fair on a variety of different issues)?

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Norma Rice, Secretary

