

## **UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting**

Monday, May 2, 2011, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

HR 182

### **Agenda**

1. Introductions and Announcements
2. Approval of the Minutes
3. Retiree Center Update – Sue Barnes
4. Emeriti Association Update – Bill Rains
5. Treasurer's Report – Diane Mundy
6. Old Business
  - a. By-laws changes – Gloria Alvarado
  - b. New board members-invitation to June meeting –Ted Hillyer
7. New Business
  - a. CUCRA/CUCEA meeting report – Deanna Falge Pritchard
  - b. Location of board meetings for 2011-12 – Sue Barnes
  - c. Board photo in May – Sue Barnes
  - d. Retiree Center reception furniture request – Sue Barnes
8. Committee Reports – Chairs
  - a. Membership Committee – Aggie Costantini
  - b. Public Relations and Media Committee – Vacant
  - c. By-Laws Committee—Beverly Brooks
  - d. Nominations Committee – Gloria Alvarado
  - e. Program Committee – Sandy Filby
    - Fall meeting topic—Office of the President
  - f. Campus Connections – Barbara Anderson
  - g. Scholarship Committee – Phyllis McCalla

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**Executive Board**  
**Monday, May 2, 2011**  
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**1:15 – 2:45 PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Gloria Alvarado, Barbara Anderson, Gil Apaka, Sue Barnes, Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Micki Eagle, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Anne Gray, Yvonne Marsh, Phyllis McCalla, Diane Mundy, Barbara Nichols, Bill Rains, Norma Rice and President Ted Hillyer

**Unable to Attend:** Sandy Filby and Don McNary

President Ted Hillyer called the meeting to order.

**Approval of the Minutes of the April 4, 2011 Meeting**

The minutes of the April 4, 2011 meeting were approved with the following changes: Page 2, under Emeriti Association Update, correct spelling of the “Dickson” award. Page 3, second line, change the word “anonymity” to “independence.” Page 3, under New Business, second paragraph, change the word “educational” to “working.” Yvonne Marsh motioned for approval and Lew Dudman seconded that motion.

**Retiree Center Update**

Sue Barnes reported:

- The Center has relocated to the Conference Center. Barnes and Marjorie Ahl will hold an open house on Friday, May 4, from 3:30 to 5:00.
- Picnic Day was great.
- Empire Mine State Historic Park Tour is later in the week.
- Older America talks begin next week.
- Steak Bake: Get registrations in.
- New Retiree Reception. Speakers: John Meyer representing the campus, and Fred Meyer from UCDHS. Invitations were mailed last week to new retirees.

**Emeriti Association Update**

Bill Rains reported that at the CUCEA/CUCRA meeting, the UCDEA was recognized/congratulated for completing the rights and privilege handbook it had prepared. Other campus emeriti associations may model their handbook after that of the Davis campus. Rains further reported that Charles Hess will serve on the selection committee for a new Vice Chancellor for Development.

**Treasurer**

Diane Mundy indicated a balance of \$17,121.27 as of April 4, 2011; total deposits \$130; total expenses \$400 (Picnic Day horse carriage). Total balance as of May 4, 2011: \$16,851.27.

**Old Business**

a. By-laws changes

Gloria Alvarado questioned who is a member of the Executive board now that there are differing committees, and whether this is okay without a bylaw change? She further inquired whether co-chairs would be on the Board.

Deanna Falge-Pritchard commented that there is no official designation. In reading the bylaws, Sue Barnes noted that there is no reference to committee chairs. Having too many people on the board might be too unyielding, yet there needs to be some reporting structure for committee chairs. Perhaps, committee chairs could be **invited**, but not **expected/required** to attend. As By-Law Committee chair, Beverly Brooks, understands, those on the board are voting members. Others are regular members who **can** come to meetings. The bylaws read correctly.

Further discussion/review on the matter will be deferred until the June meeting.

- b. New board members-invitations to June meeting  
Hillyer will invite new members to attend the Executive Board meeting.

## **New Business**

- a. CUCRA/CUCEA meeting report  
[Please refer to Deanna Falge-Pritchard's April 28, 2011 report attached to these minutes.]  
Based on information in the UC campus reports and the UCDRA Board meetings, Deanna recommended that the UCDRA Board have a review and planning workshop that includes new board members to examine existing work of the board and develop plans for the 2011-2012 year.  
  
Bill Rains commented that surveys were increasing in importance. Aggie Costantini went on record, saying that there is a lot going on about health care, people need to study the matter, and adequate information needs to be given. We are going to have money issues.
- b. Location of board meeting for 2011-12  
Now that the Retiree Center has moved to the Conference Center, Sue Barnes asked for and received approval to hold the monthly UCDRA Executive Board meetings, 2011-12, in one of the Center's conference rooms. (The Retiree Center will not be charged for room rental.)
- c. Retiree Center reception furniture request  
Sue Barnes distributed copies of the new lay out. She is asking RA to contribute funds to furnish the reception area. Total cost would be one-half of \$5650. Yvonne Marsh moved that UCDRA pay one-half of \$5650 to furnish the reception area of the Retiree Center. (UCDEA donated one-half.) Deanna Falge-Pritchard seconded motion. Motion approved.

## **Committee Reports**

### Scholarship Committee

Phyllis McCalla distributed a copy of a document which the committee prepared, which reflects the tasks of the UCDRA Scholarship Committee, outlines its charge, specific program committee duties, candidate selection process, committee composition, and its annual reporting responsibilities.

Membership Committee

Aggie Costantini indicated that letters to new retirees (a bit less than 200) will go out sometime this summer.

Nominating Committee, Bylaw Committee, and *Campus Connections* - No reports

Program Committee

Sue (for Sandy Filby) asked members to think about topics for fall meeting. Gary Schlimger from OP and Guerren Solbach from UC Davis benefits will be invited.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Norma Rice, Secretary

## **Report to UCDRA on the CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting Held at UCLA**

**April 28, 2011**

### **Joint CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting**

#### **UCLA Welcome**

The President of the UCLA Emeriti Association welcomed the group and introduced Chris Middleton, Vice Provost of Faculty Development and Diversity. She considers serving the needs of emeriti and retirees to be an important function of her office. Vice Provost Middleton gave some highlights about UCLA including: the campus received 600,000 student applications, the School of Medicine has a new Medical Center which was made possible by a large gift, the Life Science building is new, and fifty cent luncheons are being held in satellite locations to build community.

#### **Joint Benefits Committee(JBC) Report**

The JBC Report is available on the CUCRA website at [cucra.ucsd.edu](http://cucra.ucsd.edu). The JBC has successfully advocated for cost of living increases for PERS annuitants and for financial cost information to be included in the health packets to be sent out this Fall.

#### **Office of the President**

Gary Schlimmer from the President's Office(OP) talked about the \$500 million cut from the State Budget and said that \$7.1 million for health benefits did not get included in the upcoming June ballot as a tax extension. OP is waiting to see what happens with the budget in the Fall. They are looking at different ways to provide benefits in the future and ways to contain costs rather than shifting costs. With regard to pensions, money is flowing into the plans and the pension assets have improved by 20% but there still is only \$.73 for every \$1.00 of liability. OP is asking UC members to participate with "UC Advocacy" and send letters to legislators to gain support for UC. (A sample letter distributed at the meeting is attached.)

#### **Travel Program**

Collette Vacations packets with information about upcoming travel trips were distributed. CUCRA receives funds from commissions made when UC members take these trips.

#### **Elimination of Direct Deposit Paper Statements**

The paper statements sent to persons who have their funds deposited directly with the bank will be eliminated after July 1st. Persons who want to continue to receive a paper statement can "opt in" by July 15th or before the 15th of the month any time thereafter to receive a paper statement. OP expects to save \$300,000 a year by eliminating the paper statements.

### **Extended Health Program**

Extended Health, a for profit company , made a presentation about their services as an exchange broker for healthcare companies and subscribers. If engaged, this company would replace OP in managing the healthcare programs for UC. Extended Health includes more healthcare providers/plans than presently offered thru UC but excludes Kaiser.

### **Proposed Regents Policy on Emeriti & Retiree Associations**

OP presented a proposed policy on Emeriti and Retiree Associations to formally establish privileges and responsibilities of the relationship between these organizations and the University. The policy covers the use of the University name, facilities and resources including insurance coverage. UCLA Retiree and Emeriti Associations recently executed an affiliation agreement with its campus administration.

## **CUCRA Meeting**

### **Extended Health Program**

Livermore National Lab has used their services and found them less than satisfactory in service and responsiveness. CUCRA will send a letter to OP expressing its opposition to have a for profit company, particularly Extended Health, replace OP in managing health care programs for UC.

### **Website**

Lee Duffus, CUCRA Vice Chair, has worked with UCSD to establish a website for CUCRA similar to CUCEA's website. Information for CUCRA and CUCEA is available at [cucra.ucsd.edu](http://cucra.ucsd.edu) and [cucea.ucsd.edu](http://cucea.ucsd.edu) respectively.

### **Membership**

San Diego has had a dramatic increase in membership while Berkeley and Davis have had steady increases.

### **Surveys**

UCLA distributed a report of their survey and presented information about it. The Vice Chancellor approved and funded the survey which was designed to capture information about UCLA staff retirees' accomplishments including participation, achievement and contributions. CUCRA is considering the possibility of conducting a systemwide survey of staff retirees. This will be discussed at the Fall meeting.

## **Campus Reports**

The campus reports will be available on the CUCRA website. Of particular interest is the LBNC report describing the association's efforts to strengthen ties with the Lab's administration, Berkeley's association exploring whether it should take positions with regard to current events and issue in the University; and, UCLA's association looking at succession planning, financial planning and membership.