

Report to CUCRA on the 2012 AROHE Conference
Hosted by the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State University,
and North Carolina Central University
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Along with Deanna Falge Pritchard, I represented CUCRA at the 2012 Conference of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education. The conference was well organized, and attendees were treated to "Carolina hospitality" by the three host institutions. Most events took place at the conference hotel, the Carolina Inn on the Chapel Hill campus.

Of the 120 participants, nearly 20% (21) were from California institutions. UC was represented by 13 people: two emeriti faculty (E), seven retirees (R), and four center directors (C):

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| Berkeley | Patrick Cullinane (C), Iola James (R) |
| Davis | Sue Barnes (C), Deanna Falge Prichard (R), and Diane Mundy |
| Irvine | Jeri Frederick (C) and Marianne Schnaubelt (R) |
| Los Angeles | John Dahl (R), Eddie Murphy (C), Rod Rose (R), and Stephen Sederbaum (E) |
| Riverside | Anthony Norman (E) |
| Santa Cruz | Lee Duffus (R) |

Other California institutions participating were San José State University, Santa Clara University, and the University of Southern California. SJSU and SCU are exploring the possibility of organizing retiree/emeriti organizations (and have been invited to attend the CUCRA and CUCEA meetings in Santa Cruz); USC already has a well established retirement center and emeriti and retiree associations.

Deanna's comprehensive report well summarizes the conference programs — including four plenary sessions, and multiple panel presentations, topical roundtables, and workshops — which ran continuously from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm each day. Three of the four evenings were programmed with opportunities for networking at receptions and dinners. These events were hosted by the president of the North Carolina University System (Chapel Hill), the chancellor of NCCU (Durham), and the chancellor of NCSU (Raleigh).

UC provided an extraordinary amount of leadership for the conference. Sue Barnes, who will begin a two-year term as AROHE president in January, and Patrick Cullinane were both presenters and conveners. Eddie Murphy and Jeri Frederick hosted roundtable discussions. Eddie also was joined by UCLA's John Dahl and Rod Rose for a popular presentation on bridging the gap between older and younger retirees.

The most significant take-away for me from the conference is a renewed appreciation for the strength of leadership and breadth of services, programs, and activities within our UC associations and retirement centers. Member associations of CUCRA and CUCEA and the four established retirement centers comprise a wealth of experience and expertise that can and should be shared more effectively for the collective benefit of all. Deanna's report suggests some possibilities for consideration by CUCRA and CUCEA. As I anticipate leading CUCRA for the next two years, I plan to start some conversations about how we can effectively engage with one another and work more collaboratively for the ultimate benefit of our members and institutions.

Finally, I recommend that the Riverside, San Francisco, and Santa Barbara associations give serious consideration to becoming members of AROHE, so that we all have access to its resources and opportunities. The annual membership fee is only \$100, and joining can be accomplished online easily at www.arohe.org.

I thank the Council for supporting my attendance at the AROHE conference.

Lee Duffus
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