

UC DAVIS Retiree's Association Executive Board Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2012

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Conference Center, Room 2207

Attendees: Gloria Alvarado, Sue Barnes , Beverly Brooks, Aggie Costantini, Lew Dudman, Micki Eagle, Sandy Filby, Anne Gray, Sharon Henn, Barbara Leary, Phyllis McCalla, Yvonne Marsh, Don McNary, Diane Mundy, and Bill Rains

Unable to Attend: Gil Apaka, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Bob Halferty, Kate Mawdsley, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice and Ted Hillyer

Introductions and Announcements

The meeting was called to order by Gloria Alvarado for President Ted Hillyer who was unable to attend. Anne Gray announced that this was her last meeting because her term in CUCRA had been completed. Anne Gray was thanked for her long term and excellent service.

Approval of Minutes

Yvonne Marsh pointed out that she was in attendance at the last meeting so this correction was noted. With that change, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Emeriti Association Update

Bill Rains informed the group that members of the Emeriti Association had contacted the Chancellor's Office to see if they could be of assistance in reviewing some of the recent incidents / issues occurring at the Campus. Bill stated that Cruz Reynoso was already appointed to represent the emeriti so additional assistance would not be needed. The Chancellor did indicate, however, that assistance on the "2020" project would be of value. Bill anticipates that a member of the emeriti will be appointed to work on this long term project which was established to increase enrollment by 5,000 students, add faculty and staff, and study and resolve the associated budget issues.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes distributed information on the Mind Body Wellness Challenge. This challenge begins on Friday, January 27, 2012 and ends on Friday, March 16, 2012. Sue explained that there are seven dimensions of optimal health and that participants are challenged to choose a dimension or habit and make a personal change for the betterment of their health. The dimensions are physical wellness, social wellness, emotional wellness, intellectual wellness, environmental wellness, occupational wellness and spiritual wellness.

Sue also reminded the group that the first classes for Transitioning into Retirement would begin in February. The first set of classes will be for faculty and will last for five weeks. The classes will be open to 40 people and will include information on benefits, training, pensions, estate planning, financial planning, etc.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reviewed the financial report of the Retirees' Association. The balance brought forward from 11/30/11 was \$18,541.11, deposits totaled \$200, expenses totaled \$453.63 and the ending balance was \$18,287.48. The Board discussed the possibility of allowing contributions to the Association and that issue and the tax deductible issue remain under review.

Old Business

As a retreat follow-up, Gloria Alvarado and Phyllis McCalla introduced a draft Executive Board Organization Chart for discussion. Changes were suggested to the chart which will be made and then distributed again prior to the next meeting. The discussion also involved questions regarding the chart and the by-laws. Questions regarding the by-laws will also be distributed prior to the next meeting.

As part of the discussion there was an adoption of a new revised Mission Statement. The new language which was unanimously approved by the Board is as follows --- "The UC Davis Retirees' Association (UCDRA) is an advocacy and

service organization that takes action to engage and involve retirees through our fellowship and with the University for mutual benefit.”

It was determined that many other items required the Board’s time for discussion so it was agreed that the Board would spend at least two-thirds of the time at its February meeting on follow-up items from the retreat.

Committee Reports

Membership

Aggie Costantini announced that there are 738 members of the Retirees’ Association. Of this number over 400 have paid their dues as life members. This clearly has an impact on Association income in the future. Aggie requested, and the Board supported, a planned discussion of membership issues at our February meeting. In addition, Aggie is requesting that everyone review the brochure on the Retiree Center which is currently out of date and contains incorrect information. Board Members attending the February meeting should come prepared for this discussion.

Public Relations

Barbara Leary is continuing to review the development of the Board’s Facebook page. Barbara will bring a sample of her proposed page to the next meeting. She will be an administrator for the page she is developing but another administrator will need to be named. Anyone who “likes” the page will be able to post information and that information can be reviewed by the administrator for being appropriate or not. Barbara will be obtaining pictures from Sue Barnes to post on the Facebook page. The committee will review her progress at the next meeting.

By-Laws Committee

Although Beverly Brooks did not have an update for the Board, we were reminded that Phyllis McCalla will also be working on by-law issues.

Program Committee

Sandy Filby discussed Picnic Day and the fact that we will have three honorees this year rather than our traditional two people. Sandy will check on the capacity of the carriage so that we are assured our plan will work. Sandy announced noon talks by Professor Simon on the American West, and a March talk by Andy Frank on Getting Off of Oil. She also stated that on February 27, 2012 at the MIND Institute there would be a talk by Chancellor Emeriti Vanderhoef and his wife. Specifics about these events will be included in the Friday updates and all retirees are encouraged to attend.

Campus Connections

In Kate Mawdsley’s absence, Sue Barnes announced that *Campus Connections* was going to press on 1/11/12.

Nominations Committee and Scholarship Committee

No report

Meeting Adjourned: Gloria Alvarado