

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2012
10:00 – 11:00 am
UC Davis Health System
Room 14704, Main Hospital

Meeting Minutes

Present: Beverly Brooks, Sharon Henn, Diane Mundy, Sandy Filby, Gloria Alvarado, Sue Barnes, Barbara Leary, Phyllis McCalla, Aggie Costantini, Micki Eagle, Norma Rice, Bill Rains, Barbara Nichols, and Bob Halferty

Unable to attend: Ted Hillyer, Kate Mawdsley and Don McNary

Introductions and Announcements

In the absence of President Ted Hillyer, Gloria Alvarado called the meeting to order. She announced that Gil Apaka had resigned as chair of the Benefits Committee. In talking with Apaka, he said he is unsure that a liaison to this group is necessary. The question: should this position be replaced? (UCDEA does not have a similar position.) The Retiree Center receives benefits information directly and disseminates it to RA and EA. It was decided that filling the position at this time is unnecessary. Sandy Filby offered to write a thank you to Apaka on behalf of the RA Board.

Further announcement: UC President Yudof notified the campus chancellors that Retiree Associations have been given official recognition by the University and Regents. This is a HUGE announcement and step in getting the University to understand that Associations are a valuable resource, and benefit to the University. Gloria Alvarado will draft a thank you note to President Yudof with a copy to Chancellor Katehi. Bill Rains will review the draft, and he and Alvarado will jointly sign the letter.

Brief discussion focused on the Family Member Eligibility Verification project. Information has been mailed to all employees and retirees who have dependents.

Approval of Minutes

Clarification and changes to the minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting follow:

Page 3: e. Officer/committee charge statements: add "Program Coordinator."

Page 4: Retiree Center Update, second sentence: replace the word "Tradition" with "Transition."

Under "The issue of increasing Dues, second paragraph, delete "who live near and around Davis." Sentence to read: Membership total stands at 741; 436 are life only; 298 are members."

With those changes, a motion was made by Micki Eagle and seconded by Sandy Filby that the minutes of March 5, 2012 be approved. Motion carried.

Emeriti Association Update

Regarding membership in Accessibility and Affordability, Bill Rains reported that Ted Hillyer had forwarded to the Emeriti Association a request by Paul Craig, Professor Emeritus, to be recommended to a position on the Campus Study Group on Accessibility and Affordability. The Emeriti Association

Executive Committee agreed that Professor Craig should be recommended for a position on the Study Group. Yvonne Marsh will be asked to represent the Retirees' Association. This particular study group will be important and demonstrate to the administration that the Associations are active.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes announced that effective July 1, the Center's budget will be reinstated back to pre-cut levels. Further, the Center will be moving to the Alumni Center; the date to be determined. Barnes is hoping for a summer move which will be less disruptive to the business of the Retiree Center.

Reporting for Kate Mawdsley, Barnes indicated that the two newsletter publications have gone to the printer and will be out in about three weeks.

Barnes reported on events for the spring: Vintage Aggies Wine Tasting (4/20, 6-8 pm, Alumni Center); Picnic Day Parade (4/21); Creating Your Legacy workshop (5/21, 1:30-3:30, pm, Alumni Center); Steak Bake (6/8, 6-9:30 pm, Alumni Center); New Retirees Reception (6/21, 5-7 pm, Conference Center); Volunteer Year-End Luncheon (6/27, 11:30 am-1 pm, Alumni Center); Filoli Gardens Trip in May is almost full.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reported balance brought forward from March 2012 of \$18,651.76; deposits totaling \$130; expenses of \$451.97; ending balance as of 3/26/2012 of \$18,329.79.

2020 Project

Bob Halferty, who serves on the Facilities task force, indicated that the group has been meeting every two weeks. Discussions have centered on instructional facilities—teaching labs, classrooms – bringing in more faculty and staff. It is not just classrooms and labs, but also dollars--budget issues. The task force is looking at the total picture. Several presentations have been given, including instructional media, on-line classrooms and the impact on instructors, to name a few. It can supplement but not replace classroom lectures. The 5500 additional students equates to 287 added faculty and lecturers.

At the upcoming Wednesday meeting, Halferty will be apprising the task force on problems faced in the 1970-80's and the space problems as the campus and classroom space grew.

The Task Force hopes to wrap up its work by the end of the school year and then write its report.

Old Business

- a. Board Workshop reports – Workgroup chairs
Long-Term Plan: no report
- b. Officer/committee charge statements
 - Membership Committee – Aggie Costantini said that they do not need to meet as a committee. As a new co-chair, John Whiteside, will be coming on board July 1, perhaps Costantini and Whiteside could meet with Alvarado after that time. In the meantime, Costantini will write an objectives statement which can be used as a starting point.
 - *Campus Connections* – Kate Mawdsley has submitted a statement, which was reviewed. She will be asked to expand on the duties somewhat.
 - Audit Committee – Sharon Henn directed the attention of the group to the section on Committee Composition. She is suggesting the committee be composed of at least one

member, and no more than two, from the UC DRA membership. Additionally, the selected member(s) should have some prior financial experience.

c. Brochure

Aggie Costantini has been working on ideas for a new (revised) brochure. The UCDEA brochure would be a good sample to use, as it has meaningful content and contains lots of pictures of current EA members

The RA revised brochure would include the new mission statement, information on the Facebook page, emphasis on retirees' contributions to the campus, a membership form, and photos representing diversity of actual retirees, not "stock" photos. Barnes said the Center would be willing to do the design and print "in house."

Sandy Filby volunteered to assist Costantini with updating the text. Hopefully, the revised brochure would be available at the New Retiree Reception (June 21).

Committee Reports - Chairs

Scholarship – Phyllis McCalla. No report

Membership – Aggie Costantini. No report

Facebook – Barbara Leary said 26 have commented favorably on the page. She requested that the Brochure advertise that RA now has a Facebook page and include the website.

By-Laws – Beverly Brooks reported that all changes are ready to go into the newsletter and those changes will be voted on at the May meeting.

Nominations – Gloria Alvarado. No report

Program – Sandy Filby outlined the forthcoming events:

Joint Association: RA/EA Noon Talks—2nd Thursday, 11:30 am – 1 pm, I-House:

April 12, Chris Carter, UC Davis Budget Director, "UC Davis budget overview: the Changes, Challenges, Future";

May 10, Justice Cruz Reynoso, "After the Pepper Spray"

UCDRA Annual Business Meeting – Monday, May 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Center. Dan Walters, *Sacramento Bee* columnist will be the guest speaker.

Audit – Sharon Henn reported that she, along with Diane Mundy, Sue and Marjorie met concerning the audit report and discussed recommendations and suggested accounting practices, including quarterly reconciliations, meeting once per quarter with the Treasurer, and comparing total reported member dues income to member roster.

There being no further business and lunch waiting, the meeting was adjourned.

Norma Rice
Secretary and Recorder