

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2013
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.
Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, West Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Maggie Ahern, Sue Barnes, Micki Eagle, Sandra Filby, Bob Halferty, Ted Hillyer, Lyn Lofland, Yvonne Marsh, Kate Mawdsley, Phyllis McCalla, Diane Mundy, Barbara Nichols, Norma Rice and Gloria Alvarado, President

Unable to attend: Beverly Brooks and Sharon Henn

Introductions and Announcements

President Alvarado called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. She welcomed Maggie Ahern, who is assuming the duties of Scholarship Committee chair. Board members then introduced themselves to Ahern.

Approval of minutes

Two changes to the March 2013 meeting: include Norma Rice under "unable to attend;" page 3, e. Committee Chairs, Public Relations – correct spelling for Rose Romant. Minutes approved.

UCDEA report – Lyn Lofland

- The EA Executive Committee is further exploring the notion of an Emeritus College on the Davis campus. Questions: don't we already have everything? Explore places where there is an emeriti association, retiree center, and emeritus college.
- A vote was taken to continue holding Winter general meeting in Sacramento (UCDHS). Thinking behind the vote: if moved from Sacramento to campus, there might be even less participation from emeriti who are associated with the medical center. EA will explore further.
- A web master is being added to the Board.
- The Board has been holding early morning (9 a.m.) pre-meetings to discuss an Emeriti College. The 9 a.m. gatherings will continue with the intent of perhaps inviting various people to come have "coffee" and informal discussions with EA board members.

Retiree Center Update

Sue Barnes reported that as of July 1, the Benefits Office will be reduced to one person (Gil Sebastian). Retirement counseling will be moved to OP. Both Faculty Welfare Committee and UCDEA are studying the decision. This is of grave concern.

- Presidio & Walt Disney Museum: still have a few openings
- Spring quarter events: New Retirees Reception and Retiree Center Appreciation Luncheon
- *Retiree Center News* will go out April 25
- Blue Angels/Fleet Week cruise may be cancelled.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reported a credit of \$60.00 representing membership dues, and expenditures of \$100 for an ending balance of +\$19,000. Collections will be slow until renewal letters go out.

Membership report: Membership numbers dropped because people who have not paid for the last two years were removed.

Long Range Plan

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to in depth discussion and thoughts on planning. Results of the discussion are summarized (thanks to Gloria) below:

- Review committee structure each year to see what is needed; can eliminate or need to add
- Place all the descriptions of our duties on our Website
- Make sure our efforts to archive our past events have a link to our future efforts
- Use positive wording in all of our documents
- Keep our website up to date
- Ask people to do limited term, focused tasks to bring them into the organization
- Continually highlight that we are a valuable resource to both campus and individuals (i.e. help individuals as an example, partner with the International House)
- Involve more groups in our activities and promote visibility
- Work on more clearly developing our identity and make sure that "membership" in our Association is understood
- Look at our Newsletter in an effort to distinguish ourselves from the Retiree Center
- Make sure that at Picnic Day the prepared script is read and develop a feeling that "We want you !" and summarize our accomplishments (if space allows)
- Reconsider our Agenda and perhaps develop a consent agenda
- Continue to have a presence in Sacramento (UCDHS)
- “Wiggle” into many places to further our Association and its value
- Highlight who is doing what to aid the community and the campus
- Clearly define advocacy efforts and be as clear and helpful as possible.

Business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Norma Rice, Secretary