

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2013

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Conference Center, Room 2207

Meeting Minutes

Present: Maggie Ahern, Sue Barnes, Louis Campos, Karen Castelli, Lucy Day, Micki Eagle Faulkin, Deanna Falge-Pritchard, Sandra Filby, Bob Halferty, Janet Hamilton, Ted Hillyer, Lyn Lofland, Phyllis McCalla, Don McNary, Diane Mundy, Norma Rice, Linda Vieira, Bill Wagman and Gloria Alvarado, President

Unable to attend: Yvonne Marsh, Kate Mawdsley, and Barbara Nichols, Sharon Henn

Introductions and Announcements

President Alvarado called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. She welcomed newly elected Board members; introductions were then exchanged.

Alvarado reported that she was contacted by the chair of Staff Assembly encouraging RA to become involved in the video records committee and its project. He would like Staff Assembly to have a role in the history of staffs' involvement on campus.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting were approved in the form of a motion made by Sandy Filby and seconded by Lucy Day.

UCDEA report – Lyn Lofland

- EA Executive Committee continues its exploration of an Emeritus College on the Davis campus.
- Feelings are mixed. Before proceeding further, a questionnaire will be prepared, but how it will be framed is uncertain. Effort to create a college would be a major undertaking.
- The web page from the EA Board is now in the archives.
- Regarding the proposed reorganization of the College of Letters and Science, if invited, EA would be interested in being involved.
- Efforts continue to increase School of Medicine participation.

Retiree Center Update - Sue Barnes

- New Retiree Reception – Thursday, June 20th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Conference Center Ballrooms.
 - Barnes recently learned that the University will no longer approve Atria as a caterer for campus events. Needless to say, it affects the budget of the Retiree Center.
 - A signup sheet was passed around, asking for volunteers to work at the Reception.
 - Registration is down from last year, but RC is trying to get the word out. About 175 people have signed up.
- Retiree Center Appreciation Luncheon – June 27th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Alumni Center.
- New Retirees Resource Day – Thursday, July 18th, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., ARC Ballrooms.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reported an ending balance of \$18,163.12 through May 31, 2013.

Continuing Business

Gloria Alvarado indicated that she was contacted by Eric Moore, who has offered to make a presentation to members on the benefits of advance care planning. The goal of the educational session is to encourage individuals to think about their health care wishes and to promote completion of the Advance Directive and POLST forms. Perhaps Moore could be invited to speak at one of our meetings. Alvarado will convey the Board's interest, but further exploration is needed.

Long Range Plan

Alvarado talked about a survey that was conducted by UCD Health System regarding people giving to an institution.

In reviewing the results of the survey, it occurred to her that various ideas might be added to UCDDRA's Long Range Plan. Some of those ideas include supporting the mission, personal connection with someone in the organization, commitment to education, sense of community and loyalty to group, and wanting to know where the dollars go.

Campus Community Council (CCC) - Gloria Alvarado

- The report on the Pepper Spray incident was sent to the Chancellor today. Alvarado will be presenting the findings to a group (invited by the CCC) next Friday. In general, the campus is diligently trying to overcome issues as a result of the pepper spray incident.
- Police Issues. Neighborhood court program for misdemeanor issues. It is an effort to resolve issues at the lowest possible level. They are bringing people in to talk about it. The Council favors the idea of civilian oversight of the Police Department, but does not believe a civilian board wise. A question would be: what will a board do that would be followed?

Officer statements. Only the Bylaw statement is outstanding.

Annual reports are due June 30.

New Business

Non-Profit Status. Phyllis McCalla raised the issue of allowing RA to collect funds by selling "stuff" and those profits could be put into the scholarship fund. RA needs to research whether a 501C form has been filed. Unless that form has been filed, non-profit status would not apply. Some time ago, Sharon Henn had suggested that it might be wise to seek the advice of a non-University attorney.

Membership renewal timeline. According to Sue Barnes, RC has been in the queue for two years to move to the Development Office, which would allow on-line registrations. It should happen this summer. Probably wait until fall to take renewals. Will give update at later date. If not done by fall, she will be asking for volunteers to help input renewals.

CUCRA/CUCEA meeting report

Deanna Falge-Pritchard explained to the newer board members what CUCRA is all about. She further reported that

- **Goals** – CUCRA's new chair wants to foster more interactive activity; share collective wisdom; improve relationships with the Labs; rally support for retiree associations that need help; and, develop a working relationship with UC Staff Assembly.
- **Scholarship Programs** – Retiree Associations on various campuses differ in ways funds are raised for scholarships. Some associations solicit donations in their newsletter, personal pleas are

made by telephone, election day volunteers donate their pay, and add a surcharge to an association-sponsored event. Keep in mind that when working through the Development Office to establish an endowment or scholarship there is a 6 percent fee.

- **Travel Programs** – In the past the Travel Program has donated its commissions to CUCRA and some funds may be used to help campuses defray cost of hosting CUCRA meetings.
- **Joint Benefits Committee Report** – The Report was approved by CUCRA. This is an important committee. They look after a lot of things and put out a special report.

Falge-Pritchard also reviewed what transpired at the CUCRA/CUCEA Joint session. At the conclusion of her report, she thanked the Board for the privilege of serving as CUCRA representative and alternate for many years. She, in turn, was thanked for her dedicated service.

UCDRA survey - The survey talks about volunteerism and interests. If the group would like to have a survey again, work needs to begin soon. Send ideas and changes to Gloria Alvarado who will coordinate the effort. In turn, Sue Barnes will send results of the last survey to everyone.

Retiree Fall Fest

Based upon results of the last survey, it was decided to do away with the Steak Bake. Instead the Fall Fest will have a different theme each year. This year, it will be a 50's theme and will be held at the Stonegate Country Club on Saturday, September 7, 2013, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost \$40 per person for members and their guests, \$50 for non-members/guests. 50's D.J. Frank Fox will provide the music. Register by August 21.

I-House

Bob Halferty talked about his connection with I-House and their program of matching students with volunteers. Involvement might include taking a student to dinner, shopping, inviting them into your home, etc. An article in the newsletter might be a good way to publicize the program. If interested, contact Halferty.

Recognition of President Alvarado

Ted Hillyer recognized and thanked Gloria Alvarado for her service as President this past year. A rousing round of applause could be heard throughout the room.

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

Norma Rice, Secretary