

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2013
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.
Alumni Center, West Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Maggie Ahern, Sue Barnes, Karen Castelli, Lucy Day, Micki Eagle Faulkin, Deanna Falge Pritchard, Sandra Filby, Bob Halferty, Janet Hamilton, Silvia Hillyer, Ted Hillyer, Lyn Lofland, Diane Mundy, Norma Rice, Linda Vieira

Unable to Attend: Gloria Alvarado, Louis Campos, Yvonne Marsh, Kate Mawdsley, Phyllis McCalla, Barbara Nichols, Rose Romant, Bill Wagman

Introductions and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Vice President Janet Hamilton, in the absence of President Phyllis McCalla.

Sue Barnes announced the CUCRA meeting will be held on the Davis Campus in the Fall of 2015. There was a discussion of possibly having a portion of it at the Med Center in Sacramento, but due to the short time frame it is not feasible. Room reservations on the Davis campus have already been booked.

Tuesday of next week (November 19) the Nor-Cal ROCs meeting will be held at UC Davis. We will host representatives from retiree organizations in higher education for brainstorming purposes.

Sue passed around a list for board members to sign up if they need help downloading Dropbox - she would like to be able to use it by the next meeting. If anyone is having a problem Marjorie will offer assistance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was requested for the approval of the October 10, 2013 minutes. No corrections or additions were made. Motion for approval was made by Diane Mundy, and seconded by Ted Hillyer.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reported a balance of \$21,674.33. Bank of America has been charging service fees, but she was able to recapture them.

UCDEA Report

Lyn Lofland reported that the UCDEA meeting was held earlier in the day, at 10:00 a.m., preceded by the first "Coffee with Campus Leaders" at 10 a.m. The first coffee with John Meyer was very informative and interesting. Janet Hamilton attended, and her interaction with Meyer added to the overall success, making it a hard act to follow.

The website committee is hard at work, and has begun to make planned changes. It is looking positive.

She also spoke of the state of the campus. There is an effort to have more student housing on campus, and for ag and other office buildings to move from the central part of campus. The West Village is somewhat isolated; it will take time to be more integrated. UC Davis is thinking seriously about how to integrate California and non-residential students. They are moving ahead

with the 2020 initiative, but the emphasis will still be on California. The effort also continues to have zero increase in carbon footprint.

The EA also discussed the Fall Meeting. In general they were disappointed and discussed ways in which it might be done to make it more useful.

Old Business

Sue Barnes reported that overall the Fall Fest BBQ was a great success. The survey was positive except just a few negative comments about parking and other small items. The budget estimate was \$600, but it was actually closer to \$860. More people registered, so more food and drinks were added. However it was found in general that people did not drink as much as estimated, so next year may not cost as much. She also said that having it at the Alumni Center would save \$400-\$500. There was a general discussion of the pros and cons of the Alumni Center vs the Putah Creek Lodge. Also discussed was the possibility of charging a small amount, due to the number of no-shows. Sue explained it either had to be free, or high cost, mostly because of the issues related to serving alcohol. A vote was taken to determine the venue for next year's event. The majority voted for next year's event to be held at the Alumni Center. The EA had also voted to hold it at the Alumni Center, so Sue will make the reservation, hopefully a little earlier in October so as not to be quite as close to the Fall Meeting.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the Fall Meeting. Although Sue said the evaluations came back generally positive, there were a number of comments overheard that were negative. The Board in general felt it needed to be changed to be more informative to retirees attending. It was felt that Guerren Solbach's presentation was very clear, but the presentations by the some of the OP people left attendees without adequate information. Janet stated that each campus is different, and the Davis campus has unique problems, so it is important we find a way to communicate to Oakland what the issues and needs are that need to be addressed. Ted volunteered to discuss it at the next CUCRA meeting in April. Janet also felt it is important that the Board have contact with them rather than Sue. CUCRA also is a good body to do the communicating.

Continuing Business

Janet reported we are still missing some of the annual reports.

Janet passed out an information sheet regarding forming non-profit organizations. She and Karen Castelli did extensive research on the issue. Karen reported that the application is very large, similar to setting up a corporation. We would need to define our classification under the law, as well as have by-laws and a mission statement. We seem to fall under either a volunteer or charity sector, and it raised a question concerning our advocacy for retirees. Would it be a conflict of interest? It was felt to be a lot of work for a \$1,000 annual scholarship, and that we could still achieve our goal by going through UC. Do we want to do fundraising? Janet did not feel comfortable making the decision, so it will be tabled and put on the agenda for next meeting.

UCDRA 25th Anniversary (2014) – Deanna Falge-Pritchard reported that the committee had not yet met, but will meet prior to the December meeting.

Sandy Filby also reported that the UCDRA Survey committee will meet soon.

Holiday Luncheon decorating committee (Dec. 12, 2013) – Sandy Filby will not be able to attend, so help is needed to tell people how to set up. Phyllis McCalla will bring material to decorate the tables. RA people are to set up; EA people clean up. Set up is to start at 10:00; lunch is at 11:00. Sandy has a list of what to do that others can use. Deanna and Janet will help. Ted and Silvia Hillyer also volunteered to help. A variety of holiday music is needed. Ted will also bring some music.

Loop Technology – Sue suggested if we want to move ahead with the Loop Technology we should have a subcommittee. Ted mentioned that the YMCA fitness room has Loop Technology. It was also mentioned that there are other types of technology; one is an app on the i-phone. It was felt there may be more flexibility with the app. Also Wave Broadband has something similar. We should get a better idea of what is available and what campus either uses or supports. Sue will contact IET; the Hillyers will contact Wave Broadband.

New Business

CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting Report – Ted Hillyer passed out a report prepared by Ted and Barbara Nichols from the November 4 and 5, 2013 meeting held at UC San Francisco.

Deanna showed an emeriti faculty handout which is sent to all new emeriti. Deanna suggested that RA retirees might also find it useful; however all the information is on the web.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Vieira
Secretary