

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2014
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.
Conference Center
Meeting Minutes

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

Unable to Attend: Gloria Alvarado, Kate Mawdsley, Barbara Nichols, Rose Romant, Bill Wagman

Introductions and Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Phyllis McCalla.

Sue passed around forms for the San Francisco Asian Art Museum tour on April 23. The deadline has been extended as there is still room on the bus. She also announced that photos of board members would not be taken after the meeting.

Ted announced that William "Bill" Allardice had passed away. Bill worked for LAWR and was very active in UCD Staff Assembly for many years.

Approval of Minutes

Phyllis requested approval of the January minutes. A motion was made by Norma Rice and seconded by Diane Mundy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reported that she purchased 800 stamps before the purchase price went up, as discussed at the January meeting. The winter meeting expenses were minimal. She also paid the membership fees to CUCHRA. Current balance is \$21,083.73.

UCDEA Report

Lyn Lofland reported that UCDEA voted to change its by-laws regarding the Winter meeting. The vote was to eliminate the full membership meeting in the winter and only have the fall and spring meetings. The executive council would have a meeting.

Alex McCalla, John Vohs and Lyn attended a meeting at the Med School. They were told they feel isolated and don't know what is going on. They are going to try to resolve the problem. One way is to have at least 2-3 members from the med school on the executive committee.

EA also approved the money for the joint celebration next fall. They will work with the President's office to get more useful information regarding healthcare and other topics for the meeting.

There was also a discussion about having membership cards. It was tabled for the time being.

Old Business

- a. Micki Eagle and Phyllis will look into the cost of the perpetual plaque and submit the order for the Picnic Day Honorees.

- b. The Facebook deactivation couldn't get done, so it will sit for now. It may be needed for the endowment aspect.

Continuing Business

- a. UCDRA Survey

Lucy and Sandy have reviewed the survey and are reconsidering several aspects of it. They hope to have it ready for the next meeting, and plan to send it out in mid-September. They like the new format and statements, as well as Ted's cover letter. They are trying to keep it warm, but shorter, and are reorganizing several of the questions to consolidate them.

- b. Website Update

Lyn reported on the progress of the UCDEA website. Everyone is happy with it, and it is ready to go. There will be a final tweaking, and then it will go into effect. It will be finished in the next month or two, and then the RA website is next.

- c. UCDRA 25th Anniversary (2014)

Janet Hamilton reported on the 25th Anniversary Committee Meeting. Below is a summary of their recommendations:

1. The celebration luncheon will occur on the same day as the regularly scheduled October general meeting of the association. All association members will be invited. All past presidents of both associations will be invited to attend as honorees. The general meeting in the afternoon will occur in the Conference Center. The luncheon will take place in the AGR room. Sue has reserved the AGR room for our use that day.
2. The schedule would be pretty much as originally proposed by the 25th Anniversary Committee in their meeting last fall:
 1. noon to 1:30 luncheon
 2. Cal Aggie Band following luncheon (Some concern about level of noise associated with this.)
 3. Social Time 2 to 2:30 p.m. (Would include refreshments negating the requirement for dessert at the luncheon.)
 4. 2:30 to 2:45 Introductions and comments
 5. 2:45 to 4 Office of the President benefits presentations
 6. 4 p.m. Guerren Solbach
3. It is preferred that we not have administration speakers at the luncheon. The honorees would be introduced. The 25 in 25 endowment campaign would be announced. Larry Vanderhoef, as the one retired campus chancellor, would be acknowledged and asked to make some remarks. Presidents of the two boards would emcee and do introductions.
4. The two boards would split the cost of the \$300 AGR room rental fee. The luncheon would be a "drop off" buffet which means there would be no servers. The charge per person should be kept to \$20. Each board would pay for the lunches of their past presidents. This approach would require volunteers for set up and clean up as was the case in the holiday luncheon last December. Keep decorations simple.
5. The group did not support the idea of making a promotional video in the format of the video from another institution that Sue shared with us. Cost was a major factor. It was suggested that we ask the Video Records Committee of UCDEA to put together a short video involving interviews with as many of the past presidents as possible. This could be

shown at both the luncheon and at the general meeting and included in respective web sites.

Janet Napolitano is not available; she sent a nice letter back in reply to Deanna's e-mail. It was commented that it is important to keep the list updated of prior board members. The archivist has done it in the past. Deanna said she is willing to do it.

The EA approved \$400 per group as the cost for the event. Yvonne made a motion to approve the money for the event, and Norma seconded it. A discussion ensued regarding the expenses required. It was felt that \$400 would not be enough. The motion was then amended by Yvonne and Norma for the amount to be up to \$600. Motion passed.

Ted has been working on coming up with a plan for OP to come up with good speakers who can focus on issues important to UCD retirees. Guerren Solbach will be asked to discuss healthcare. Sue suggested Bob Seager as a speaker regarding long range plans. Joe Lewis is another possibility for a speaker.

Janet said she would be announcing the 25th \$25,000 endowment.

d. 25 for 25 Endowment

Silvia and her committee met with Janet Berry from the development office regarding the endowment. They are working on the documents to initiate the endowment campaign.

It is felt that the 25th Anniversary celebration would not be a good time to solicit commitments. The campaign will be announced, however, and Phyllis felt it would be a good time to announce commitments. Sue also said that we could do a "soft" launch letter before the meeting. Forms could be available at the meeting for anyone interested. Another suggestion is to consider levels of donors – gold, silver, etc.

New Business

a. Slate of Candidates for Spring Election

The following is the slate of candidates:

Janet Hamilton	President (2014-2015)*
Dave Shelby	Vice President/President Elect *
	Nominations Chair (2014-2015)
Linda Vieira	Secretary (2013-2015)
Diane Mundy	Treasurer (2014-2016)*
Phyllis McCalla	Past President (2014-2015)
	Campus Community Council Representative (2014-2015)
Ellie Sandoval	Member-at-Large (2014-2016) *
	Staff Assembly Representative (2014-2016)
Carl Foreman	Member-at-Large (2014-2016)*

Program Committee Co-Chair (2014-2016)

This slate of officers will appear in the Campus Connections March issue.

The remaining board memberships and appointments are as follows:

Karen Castelli	Member-at-Large Health System (2013-2015)
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Sandy Filby	Membership Committee Chair (2014-2015)
Norma Rice	Member-at-Large (2013-2015)
Bob Halferty	Member-at-Large (2013-2015)
Deanna Falge Pritchard	Archive Committee Chair (2013-2015)
	25 th Anniversary Celebration Chair (2013-2015)
Silvia Hillyer	Scholarship Endowment Program Chair (2014-2015)
Kate Mawdsley	Campus Connections Co-Editor (2011-2015)
Louis Campos	Program Committee Co-Chair (2013-2015)
Maggie Ahern	Scholarship Committee Chair (2013-2015)
Marcia Kasabach	By Laws Committee Chair (2014-2016)
Ted Hillyer	CUCRA Representative (2014-2015)
Rick Keller	CUCRA Alternate Representative (2014-2015)
Micki Eagle Faulkin	Staff Assembly Representative Alternate (2014-2015)
UCDRE	Ex Officio
Sue Barnes	Ex Officio: Retiree Center Director

A motion for the approval of the slate of candidates was made by Ted Hillyer and seconded by Sandy Filby. Motion was approved.

b. Bylaws Change – Winter Meeting

The EA moved to eliminate their third general meeting, which takes place in the winter. Phyllis asked for feedback. It could be replaced by a noon talk at the Med Center.

Karen Castelli discussed the new dean at the Med Center. She is very impressed with her. The new dean wants to improve the connection with the Davis campus. There was much discussion regarding the feeling of the Med Center people that they are isolated. It was generally felt that eliminating the winter meeting would further erode the connection with campus. Sue also noted that the Retiree Center picks up the cost of the bus for the meeting, and the cost of the refreshments was minimal.

The issue is tabled for now. Eliminating the third general meeting held in the winter will require a by-law change, voted on by the membership. The RA will continue to hold a third general meeting in the winter, with the intent of holding it in Sacramento. We will coordinate with EA for the brainfood talk.

c. New retirees' Reception

Sue Barnes is starting work on the New Retirees' Reception. The date is June 25, and it will be held at the Conference Center.

d. Membership Committee/Widow/Widowers Services

Yvonne Marsh reported that there has been a significant growth in membership since the 2007-2008 fiscal year. There is a 30% increase; 21% annual and 9% life memberships. There are currently over 900 members.

A discussion ensued regarding the cost of membership. It has been proposed to increase membership dues from \$10 to \$15 for the annual membership, and from \$100 to \$125 for life memberships. Solicitation letters will be sent out in August. The new rates will go into effect November 1, 2014. After much discussion a motion was made by Yvonne to accept the new rates; it was seconded by Ted Hillyer. Motion passed.

There was a recommendation from the membership committee that we begin a program which provides services for widows and widowers. It would be coordinated through the Center, using volunteers from EA and RA.

There was a discussion on membership cards. Some people ask for them, others do not want any more cards. The cost would be \$300 for 1,000. They would be issued for life membership. Another possibility is to put a sticker on our Retiree cards. The issue was tabled for now.

The membership directory was also tabled for discussion in the future.

- e. UCDHS - Karen Castelli provided a U-Tube link for Dr. Julie Freischlag, new Dean of the Med Center.
- f. Singles Event – A suggestion for a singles event by Roseanne Mandel was discussed. However we do not have the resources at the present time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Vieira
Secretary