

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2015
1:15 – 2:45 p.m., Conference Center
Meeting Minutes

Present: Maggie Ahern, Sue Barnes, Jo Anne Boorkman, Karen Castelli, Micki Eagle Faulkin, Carl Foreman, Bob Halferty, Janet Hamilton, Ted Hillyer, Marcia Kasabach, Rick Keller, Kate Mawdsley, Diane Mundy, Dave Shelby, Linda Vieira

Unable to Attend: Deanna Falge Pritchard, Sandra Filby, Silvia Hillyer, Phyllis McCalla, Norma Rice, Ellie Sandoval

Introductions and Announcements

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Hamilton at 1:15 p.m. Janet introduced Alice Provost and Kaile Brake from the campus Academic and Staff Assistance Program (ASAP).

Retiree Advocacy

As part of our information gathering for our retiree advocacy activities ASAP was invited to our meeting to discuss their services. Alice Provost and Kaile Brake explained that short term counseling was available for campus faculty and staff, usually limited to 4-6 sessions. Retirees would need to opt into the COBRA plan at the time of retirement to receive their services. The sign-up has to be at the time of retirement. However they would be willing to accommodate retirees looking for resources, on a one time basis only. Janet explained to them our advocacy activities, and that we were looking into concerns about nutrition for low-income retirees as well as the issue of elder care facing many of us. ASAP does have referrals for counseling, food banks, and other short term services. They have a database of resources. The Davis Senior Center also has a guide. There was a discussion about putting out information for our retirees; however the resources are constantly changing, and it was felt there was no sense in reinventing the wheel. It is best to link to the library and other sources of information. There also was a discussion about programs and other ways to find to information. Staff Development puts on programs, has brown bags, and other events on campus. They may be willing to connect with us regarding our needs. Sue also does a good job in sending out program links already. There was still the question of what role we are to play in taking on this advocacy. It was suggested a task force be appointed to look into the issue.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ted Hillyer and seconded by Kate Mawdsley to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy discussed the budget for the coming year. She went over the income and expenses listed. This year's staff scholarship has not yet been paid.

UCDEA Report

Jo Anne Boorkman reported that the EA met earlier in the day. They are looking into moving the archives to an electronic format. They are talking with the library. They are also interested in getting more members involved, especially the emeriti from the health system.

Continuing Business

a. 25 for 25 Endowment Fundraising

There has been an error in the amount recently reported. The correct amount is less than the \$25,000 goal. Apparently someone double counted the present and future pledges. Sue will follow up to see just what happened.

b. Web Page Task Force

Dave Shelby reported on the follow up of the Retiree Association Web Page Task Force committee meeting. Marjorie is starting to work on the development of those pages. Committee members have access to them. Their next meeting is at the end of the month or the beginning of February. There is an effort to update content as it goes into the new website, as well as efforts to use the important connections between our associations, using common interests and linkages.

c. CALPERS COLA Program

Rick Keller looked into the PPPA (Purchasing Power Protection Allowance) and COLA programs of CALPERS and UCRS. He found that they had very similar if not identical COLA programs. One used a calendar year; the other the July 1 fiscal year. The amount received depended on the year retired. However over time the purchasing power eroded. CALPERS' PPPA program was designed to restore some of this. However to receive it a retiree had to be 30 years or more into retirement and receive less than 75% of their original benefits at retirement.

New Business

a. Picnic Day Honoree

Janet announced that the Picnic Day Honoree for this year is Diane Mundy. Everyone offered their congratulations.

b. Nominations for 2015-2016

Dave Shelby is beginning the process to solicit nominations for the coming year. He will be contacting several Board members to see if they are interested in retaining their positions. The positions up for this year are President, Vice President, Secretary, and 4 members at large.

c. CUCRA/CUCEA Fall 2015 Meeting

The CUCRA/CUCEA Fall 2015 meeting will be held at UCD October 28 and 29. Ted and Dave will help with the planning.

Working Agenda

a. UCDRA Survey Results

Janet discussed the results of the recent UCDRA Survey. She found the demographics very interesting, and shared some of them. Sue will forward the results to Board members. 435 surveys were completed, which was a 17% return.

Karen Castelli discussed memberships. She is looking for creative ideas for marketing our membership. She is trying to come up with a benefit that would encourage people to join.

Sue and Marjorie would like an ad hoc group to help with social events, specifically planning for the holiday party and the fall fest. Sandy is not able to continue.

The EA is holding a communications issues subcommittee meeting this afternoon.

Maggie had a brief discussion about loop technology.

Ted and Rick will be part of a workgroup for advocacy.

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

Linda Vieira, Secretary