

UC Davis Retirees' Association Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2015
1:15 – 2:45 p.m., Conference Center
Meeting Minutes

Present: Maggie Ahern, Sue Barnes, Jo Anne Boorkman, Karen Castelli, Micki Eagle Faulkin, Sandra Filby, Carl Foreman, Janet Hamilton, Marcia Kasabach, Kate Mawdsley, Diane Mundy, Norma Rice, Ellie Sandoval, Dave Shelby, Linda Vieira

Unable to Attend: Deanna Falge Pritchard, Bob Halferty, Silvia Hillyer, Ted Hillyer, Rick Keller, Phyllis McCalla

Introductions and Announcements

The meeting was called to order by President Janet Hamilton at 1:15 p.m.

Larry Vanderhoef's book will be coming out in September. We are trying to arrange a book signing, hopefully at the Spring meeting.

Guest Presentation

The Board welcomed Charles Hess, who gave a special guest presentation regarding the retirement benefits counseling survey. The survey was taken in the summer of 2014 because of concerns regarding the centralization of retirement benefits counseling. The campus-based counseling in 2013 was compared to the centralized counseling in 2014. Five campuses, 5 med centers and 1 lab were centralized. The Davis campus and Sac Med Center went central, with the idea of cost savings. The \$150,000 previously received for benefits counseling had been discontinued.

A total of 1,333 surveys were sent out; 336 were returned, which is a response rate of 20%. The survey found that the campus based counseling had a satisfaction rate of 91%; the RASC had a satisfaction rate of 73%. Campus received many positive comments on each. The Retirement Center received many positive comments for the retirement planning course. Sue is also getting requests for an on-line version of the planning course. It was also suggested that the survey should be put on the website.

The conclusion of the report was, however, that the difference in the level of satisfaction for RASC was not large enough to return to campus-based counseling.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

There were some corrections to the last meeting's minutes. A misspelling was corrected. Also some clarification was made of the Staff Assembly activities. TGFS will be held on May 7 from 11-1:30 at Russell Field. A motion was made by Dave Shelby and seconded by Sandy Filby to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Mundy reported on the income and expenses for the last month. There has been little activity. \$320 was collected for membership dues, and the expense was paid for the gift card drawing of \$105.95. A motion for the approval of the report was made by Marcia Kasabach and seconded by Ellie Sandoval. The motion passed.

UCDEA Report

Jo Anne Boorkman reported on the EA meeting held in the morning. There was a follow up discussion on the relationship between the Retiree Center and the Emeriti Association. It was a good discussion, reviewing what is unique about each. The communications committee is being reorganized. Next year will see some fundamental operational changes. The public relations committee will be incorporated into the communications committee. They want to make the designation more general so they don't

have to have a by-laws change. The video records committee is still looking for people to be interviewed. They are interested in a broader range of former employees to be interviewed.

Retiree Center Report

Sue reported on current Retiree Center activities. There is an upcoming trip May 7 to the Sierra Foothills wineries. There is also a new trip to the Phantom of the Opera in San Francisco on September 23. It is already half full. They are working on on-line registration. Sue announced that the Alumni Association has purchased a golf cart which we can use. It would be convenient to shuttle people from the garage to meetings. Membership forms are being updated. Sue provided copies for review. There have been a few changes. The After the Death of a Loved One booklet is almost ready to send to press. Retirees will be encouraged to take one and keep it with their estate planning documents. The New Retirees' Reception is June 24 and the Resource Fair is July 16. They will be asking for volunteers for the events.

Continuing Business

Web Page Task Force

Dave Shelby reported on the continuing discussions about how the associations relate to each other so that the new web presence will reflect accurately the roles of all three groups. This is among the final steps before going live with the UC DRA site.

New Business

a. UCOP Proposal for Revamping Health Insurance Programs

A proposal has been made regarding changes in health insurance programs. The idea is to turn the UC med centers into employees' HMOs. The proposal is being reviewed for feasibility by the Office of the President and the medical centers. It is hoped the study will be completed by this coming fall. No decisions have been made about the relationship of the proposed plan to retiree health coverage.

Working Agenda

a. Expanded Advocacy Activities

Janet discussed our new advocacy activities for assistance for seniors. After reviewing Sue's website she felt the major pieces were already in place. So she suggested we now add the newly gathered information to Sue's website.

There was also a discussion about the proposed new communications committee that would replace the Public Relations Committee. Janet and Dave are putting together a special task force to define the new committee and its activities.

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

Submitted by

Linda Vieira, Secretary