

UC Davis Retirees' Association
2014 - 2015 Annual Reports
September 2015

President Annual Report

PAST: September 2013 - February 2014

New retirees were recruited to join the board which allowed some seasoned board members to move into other campus and/or community activities.

The Executive Board monthly agenda was restructured to identify a working and consent agenda allowing more time for discussing specific projects and creating a method for written committee reports.

Archivist Annual Report

In July, I met with Jo Anne Boorkman, UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) Archivist, at the Shields Library Special Collections to review the boxes of files containing UCDEA and UCDRA records. These originally were in a filing cabinet in the basement of Mrak Hall. When Student Affairs moved into that area, the files were transferred to the Richmond Storage Facility. We identified twenty-seven folders that contained UCDRA records and these were separated from the UCDEA folders. Special Collections returned those files to the Richmond Storage Facility. When we want to review them, we must contact Special Collections in advance to have the files sent to Davis.

As time permitted, I started to review the UCDRA files in the Retiree Center Office, check information with my personal UCDRA files to include items of importance and discard records when there were more than three copies of the same item. This review will continue in 2015-16.

My recommendations for 2015-16 are:

1. Review the UCDRA material presently stored in Richmond.
2. Have the Executive Board review the topical outline and recommended retentions of files prepared by Bob Halferty's committee on May 14, 2010.
3. Transfer UCDRA records from Retiree Center office to archives according to the record retention schedule.
4. Hire a work study student to prepare file folder labels and organize material in the folders by date or topic as appropriate.

Deanna Falge Pritchard, Archivist
6/23/15

By-Laws Committee

While there are several Board and Task Force discussions that may lead to future change to the By-Laws, during this fiscal year (2014-2015), the By-Laws Committee did not have any activity.

Respectfully,
Marcia Kasabach
Chair

Scholarship Committee Report

The UC Davis Retiree Association (UCDRA), in collaboration with the UC Davis Staff Assembly, provides a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a UC Davis staff member annually. Staff Assembly issues the call for applicants in the fall, with a deadline to apply by early January. The UCDRA Scholarship Committee Chairperson serves as a member of the Staff Assembly selection committee. While the maximum amount awarded by the UCDRA is \$1,000.00, Staff Assembly may increase the amount based on the total funds available through fund raising efforts, and the number of applicants awarded. UCDRA selection criteria also gives preference to Veterans of the Armed Forces.

The selection committee meets in the spring to review and rank applications based on these criteria:

- Financial Need (25 points maximum)
- Academic Potential (15 points maximum for GPA/30 points maximum for potential)
- Campus/Community Involvement (30 points maximum)

The Staff Assembly selection committee chairperson contacts the UCDRA Scholarship Chair, and provides information about how to obtain the application materials. The past two years the applications were available through Dropbox or Box computer applications. A ranking sheet is provided for committee members to review and rank the applications.

Scholarships awarded include:

1. Larry N. Vanderhoef Staff Scholarship
2. Margene Orzalli Endowment Scholarship
3. UC Davis Retirees' Association Scholarship
4. Latino Staff and Faculty Association Scholarship
5. UC Davis Staff Assembly Scholarship
6. Staff Dependent Scholarship Program

The 2015-2016 UCDEA Scholarship recipient is Juanita Braxton.

Juanita is a manager at the Surgical Center at the UC Davis Health Center. She is attending Walden University, and working toward a Doctorate in Public Health, with a research focus on adolescent hypertension. Ms. Braxton is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force (1979-1987), and is active in her church and community advocating for health and wellness issues and the availability of local health resources for low-income and elderly citizens.

The 2014-15 UCDRA Scholarship recipient was Terhune Finley.

Terhune is working toward a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology at the University of San Francisco, Sacramento Branch. He is working on a traineeship, which will allow him to assist at the Gender Health Center. The Center provides support for the largely under-served transgender and gender non-conforming population in the surrounding communities. He is a staff member at Peter J. Shields Library.

Submitted by Maggie Ahern
June 19, 2015.

UCDRA Staff Assembly Representative

Staff Assembly Board Meetings occur on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 12-1 p.m. The current location is Plant & Environmental Sciences, Room 2005.

Staff Assembly is currently chaired by Lina Layiketz, Director, Conference and Event Services. Grant Nejedlo acts as the UC Davis Staff Assembly Coordinator. He is housed at Human Resources.

There are a number of active committees on SA. I have attached a list of the committees for 2014-15 as well as events. In particular, there were five scholarships awarded. One of those was funded by UCDRA.

Additionally, their bylaws were revised to improve succession planning and overall management of Staff Assembly. And, a new Childcare Advisory Committee was established this year, chaired by Megan Rott, UCDHS.

I volunteered to participate at the UCDRA booth for TGFS. I highly recommend that for future TGFS events, the SA Representative/Chair participate to strengthen relationships between the two organizations.

Grant Nejedlo has extended an open ended invitation to Sue Barnes to attend the upcoming "Breakfast with the Chancellor" meetings as her schedule permits.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Sandoval

Disability Committee Report

To learn more about hearing assisted technologies available on campus, I attended the campus Disabilities issues Administrative Advisory Committee (DIAAC) meetings on behalf of UCDRA. The technologies in place are the same as the hearing-assisted technologies available through Mondavi and the Conference Center. Hearing assisted devices are provided as requested. There was no information available about new technologies in use.

The agenda is sent by email before the meeting. I also attended presentations by students with “invisible disabilities,” which may include learning disabilities, food allergies, autistic spectrum disorders, hearing loss, as well as some physical disabilities that cause extreme fatigue.

A presentation by the CAPS counselors focused on the availability of support groups to help students cope with a variety of issues. I would suggest we look into the possibility of starting a support group for retirees coping with caring for ailing loved ones, perhaps facilitated through EAP rather than CAPS (which is for students).

The committee meets the second Thursday of each month, from 10:30 – 12:00, in the Plant & Environmental Sciences Bldg., Room 2004. The campus DIAAC is comprised of a number of subcommittees that are guided by the following objectives:

- Develop program ideas, activities, or recommendations along with strategies that are relevant and financially viable for the campus community
- Coordinate activities with other subcommittees especially where common issues exist
- Maintain flexibility in developing approaches
- Seek input of relevant areas of the university
- Provide regular updates and make their recommendations to DIAAC
- Recommend procedures to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of the subcommittee

Each subcommittee has a chairperson who sets the agenda and presides over all meetings, and who reviews and consults with the DIAAC Chair (on-going basis) regarding activities prior to engaging departments, units, or other outside entities.

Subcommittees include Arboretum, Campus Events, testing/Student Accommodations, E-Map Resources, Web Resources Subcommittee, Disability Symposium, Transportation Issues Liaison, E-Access, Student Issues and Resources.

Submitted by Maggie Ahern
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