The UC Davis Emeriti Association is holding steady with 475 members (338 Life, 59 Annual and 78 Associate). The association continues to benefit from close collaboration with the UC Davis Retirees’ Association and UC Davis Retiree Center to enhance programs and services. Currently the associations are working together to identify speakers for the monthly Brain Food Talks and develop a broad-based communications network to publicize programs and services.

This year also included rethinking the quarterly membership meetings, held jointly by the two associations. These meetings are now held earlier in the day, 11:30am – 1:00pm, and include a light lunch. Fall and spring meetings are held on the Davis campus, with the winter meeting being held on the Sacramento campus. Membership meeting programs are shaping up with standardized themes. The Fall program includes a speaker arranged by the joint Program Committee, along with an update on the new year’s health benefits program by the campus Health Care Facilitator, Guerren Solbach. The winter meeting is held on the Sacramento campus, often with a UC Davis Health System speaker. This year’s speaker was Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing Dean Heather M. Young, PhD, RN, FAAN. The program also included lunch in one of the new state-of-the-art collaborative classroom’s and a tour of the new Betty Irene Moore Hall. The spring meeting is the official annual meeting for each association; the speaker for the meeting’s program is either the current year’s Distinguished Emeriti Award recipient or a Dickson Awardee. This year’s Distinguished Emeritus awardee, Robert D. Cardiff, M.D., will be the speaker on May 10, 2018.

This format and schedule appears to attract more participants, with the mid-day time making it easier for attendees to travel to and from campus. Roundtrip transportation is provided between Davis and Sacramento for the winter meeting. Adjusting to this new program schedule, the Emeriti Association’s Executive Committee met in Sacramento before the lunch and program. Many EC members took the intercampus shuttle from Davis. As room availability is a challenge on the Sacramento campus, this arrangement may need to be reconsidered.

A primary goal this year was to develop better links between the Health Sciences Emeriti with the UC Davis Emeriti Association. Outreach in recent years had not resulted in any focused interest from health sciences emeriti. Momentum picked up with establishment of a Retiree Center office on the Sacramento campus. A Health Sciences Emeriti Steering Committee was formalized with the support of Interim Vice Chancellor, Health & Human Services Thomas S. Nesbitt, MD MPH. A brief survey was developed to ascertain the level of interest Health Sciences Emeriti had in staying connected to UC Davis. The survey identified several areas of interest for the group to pursue. An initial lunch and program will be held on April 4, 2018 at the UC Davis MIND Institute, with Thomas Nesbitt as the speaker. As one way to strengthen the link with health system emeriti, one EC Member-at-Large will be from the health system and serve on the Health System Emeriti Steering Committee.

With the new Betty Irene Moore Nursing School building’s completion, space was arranged for the Retiree Center’s satellite office to better serve UCD Health System retirees and emeriti. Emeriti are grateful that Becky Heard and Marjorie Ahl adjusted their schedules to provide temporary staffing at this new location. We are pleased that a permanent .75FTE staff member will be in place in mid-March.

The Executive Committee continued to engage with campus leaders for coffee. Winter conversations included: Chancellor Gary May in January, Dean Heather Young in February, Jason Wohlman from the Chancellor’s
Strategic Planning Initiative Work Group in March. The year’s coffees will conclude with a conversation in April with Rachel Teagle, Director of the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art.

The Communications Committee is working with other Executive Committee members to update the UCDEA Handbook and refresh the association’s web pages to make them easier to navigate. The Video Records Committee is especially interested in publicizing new video interviews and making links to the YouTube archive of all interviews more easily accessible.

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