

UCDEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 14, 2006
1:00 PM
63 Mrak Hall

Minutes

Members Present: Ed Costantini, Bob Halferty, Charley Hess, Alan Jackman, Charlie Nash, Alex McCalla, Doreen Strnad, Dick Walters

- I. Minutes of April 19, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.
- II. Introductions: Alan Jackman ex officio as Chair of the Academic Senate Emeriti Committee; Doreen Strnad, Coordinator of Retiree Center.
- III. Retiree Center Report: Doreen reported that plans are well under way for moving the Retiree Center from 415 Mrak Hall to two adjoining rooms in Everson. Furniture has been ordered, the painting is complete, and the move is likely to take place in early November. She is working on two web sites: one for the Emeriti Association, the second for the Retiree Center, a copy of the latter web page as it now exists was distributed to members present. Plans are under way for three public events: an open house, tentatively scheduled for some time in February, Picnic Day (type of activity still open), and a revival of the Steak Bake in conjunction with the Retiree's Association, to be held probably in June, 2007. Doreen is preparing a general work plan to be submitted to the November 6 joint meeting of the Retiree Center advisory committee and the Executive Committees of the Emeriti and Retiree's associations, to be held in the Board Room of the Buehler Alumni House 1:30-3:00 PM. In terms of outreach, Doreen has been in touch with emeriti and retiree representatives from UCD Medical Center, and is working with them on a new Faculty Legacy Program as well as a Benefits Faire. In addition, she is meeting with the Department Benefits Advisory group. She is in the process of putting together a budget for the Retiree Center, which will include some activities formerly funded by the Emeriti and Retiree's associations. She will report on her progress at the next meeting.
- IV. Letter to Emeriti: A letter from the president was sent early in September to current and prospective members of the Emeriti Association. It included a membership form and a list of life members. As of today, Doreen reported that she has received dues from 30 new or continuing members, one life membership, and has had four letters returned for incorrect address.
- V. Membership Lists – Status and Updates: Doreen, Dick, and Charlie Nash reported on their efforts to develop reliable lists of emeriti, annual and life members, and on ways in which these lists could be updated to reflect new retirees as well as deaths. They have learned that it is very difficult to obtain

reliable information from university sources, although they, especially Doreen, are making some progress at getting update information from reliable sources. One source of this type of information has available a package that will use an ACCESS database to generate mailing labels automatically, which will reduce the potential for inaccuracies that have been a source of problems in the past. Charlie Nash noted that feedback from the membership form letters is a valuable source of updating information on members who have moved. A great deal of work remains to be done on this matter, and updates will be reported to the Executive Committee at subsequent meetings.

- V. Partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute: As discussed in the April 19 2006 meeting of the Executive Committee, Dennis Pendleton, Dean of University Extension, has been working on a merger of the Senior Learning Unlimited and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. He was successful in completing this merger during the summer and this week, a mailing inviting Emeriti Association and Retiree's Association members to join this offering free of charge for the 1006-07 year. A total of 923 letters were mailed to the two groups.
- VI. Lunch Meetings: Charley Hess reminded committee members that the schedule of luncheon meetings was distributed recently. One small correction: The December meeting will be December 14th, not December 8th as listed in that handout. The first meeting of the current year was yesterday, September 13, with California Assemblywoman Lois Wolk reporting on political events in California. It was very well received.
- VII. Emeritimes: The Fall issue of Emeritimes is in the process of being created. Deadline for getting the material to Reprographics is Sept 27. Dick, Charley, Doreen and others are working on different articles that will appear in this issue. Later in the meeting, the matter of reviving the Emeritimes Committee of the organization was discussed, and it was agreed that we should attempt to put together a new committee, perhaps in time for the Winter issue.
- VIII. Awards and Recognitions Committee: Charley Hess reported that the Awards Committee made a recommendation for the 2006-07 recipient of the Dickson Emeriti Professorship. He will meet soon with Barbara Horwitz, Vice Provost, Academic Personnel to discuss the committee's recommendations. He will report to the Executive Committee when the process is finalized. Charley also said that the announcement of nominations for the Panunzio Award would be included in the Emeritimes, with a deadline for applications of November 13. Charley also said that the committee is looking at setting up a UCD Distinguished Emeriti Award, one that would have broader criteria for academic affiliation than the Panunzio Award, which is limited to faculty in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

- IX. Centennial Project: Dick Walters reported that he, Bob Halferty and Doreen met recently with Lisa Lapin, who is setting up a Centennial Planning Committee to plan for the 2008 event. Three representatives from each retiree committee are sought. Bob Halferty reported that Charles Lacy, Arlene Kasmire, and Bob Ball will represent the Retiree's Association. So far, Alex McCalla and Joe Tupin have agreed to serve as UCDEA representatives, with a third invitation awaiting a response.
- X. Handbook for new retirees: We have approximately 400 copies of the Emeriti Handbook, revised by Charley Hess in 2005. This handbook used to be handed out by Human Resources as a part of a very large packet of stuff given to faculty as they are getting ready to retire. However, it was felt by the executive committee that a personal letter from the president with the handbook as an enclosure was a much better way to handle the matter. We will work on finding the appropriate names and addresses and Dick will write a letter to accompany the handbook in the near future.
- XI. Abundant Harvest Book: Dick reported that he had done some research on the status of the book, Abundant Harvest, written by Ann Scheuring and published in 2000 by the Emeriti Association with financial assistance from the Retiree Association and the Chancellor's office. At present, the Library has an inventory of approximately 4000 copies (3600 paperback, over 400 hardcover), and the Bookstore has approximately 1300. The Bookstore sells about 50 or 60 copies total per year of two formats of the book. The Alumni Association has in the past used the book as a gift for deserving alumni, but when Dick contacted them, it was their understanding at that time that they had used up their allotted number of books. Subsequently, Mary Sprifke from Alumni Relations reported that they had received a memo in 2002 from Dick Gable authorizing them to distribute as many copies as they wished. Dick has requested that 40 copies be sent to Doreen's office, and they will arrive next week, for distribution by both the Emeriti Association and the Retiree's Association. Discussion followed as to ways that would be appropriate for these two associations to give away copies to deserving people. Suggestions included new Executive Committee Members, recipients of special recognition at Mondavi, recipients of awards, and others might be appropriate recipients. Doreen noted that a flier on the book would be added to the web site, and that more publicizing of the book's availability could be made through such places as the Heidrich Center in Woodland. It was suggested that Copies be sent to local libraries if they do not already have one. It was also thought that perhaps it could be publicized in connection with the Centennial. Dick will explore various of these options.
- XII. Treasurer's Report: Charlie Nash distributed the treasurer's update for the period May 17-Sept 14, 2006. We are in good shape financially. Charlie noted, however, that a problem exists with respect to the By-Laws of the Association, namely that membership is described as being automatic for emeriti who are eligible for retirement. After discussion, Alex McCalla, Charlie Nash and Ed

Costantini agreed to serve on a subcommittee responsible with rewording of the By-Laws to ensure that membership was contingent on paying dues. They will also review some other points in the By-Laws that appear to require updating, such as the statement that the Committee on Committees is also has the title Membership and Committee on Committees. In this connection, it was further agreed that Alex McCalla will look into possibly defining a new membership committee and identifying people who might serve.

- XIII. Video Committee Report: John Goss was unable to attend, but his report will be included in the Emeritimes fall issue.
- XIV. Other Business: Charley Hess suggested that we put another call out, similar to the one in the Spring Emeritimes, for mentors to serve advising students applying for scholarships. It was also suggested that we might consider a survey of members to get expressions of interest in activities that might be supported or sponsored by UCDEA.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:40 PM.