

UCDEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 12, 2007

1:00 PM

Hagan Room, I-House

Minutes

Members Present: Costantini, Halferty, Hess, Jackman, McCalla, Mendel, Nash, Rains, Strnad, Walters, Wydick

Announcements:

Bill Rains asked for guidance on possibly scheduling a specific individual to present two Luncheon talks next year. It was concluded this should not be done.

Minutes were approved as distributed.

Retiree Center Coordinator's Report:

Database(s)

1. 3600 names for the retirees (1,000 of which were not identified by any job code)
2. 589 names for emeriti (not yet members of the Emeriti Association)
3. Still some concerns about missing data i.e., we thought we would have about 5,000 names for the postcard mailing
4. Sharie & Dick are still working out details with UCOP

Budget:

1. Two sub-accounts: one for each association plus one for the Center itself.
2. Meeting with Carmen (Accounting) next week. Final budget expected soon.

TriO Scholars Mentorship Program:

1. April 10th – initial social with students & mentors; 11 mentors attended but only 4 students (12 students are signed up).
2. Have 12 students and 11 mentors (2 of which are just tentative).
3. Donelle Perkins (Interim Director of TriO Scholars) reassured Doreen that the students are still interested. She actually did the matchmaking yesterday.
4. May 24th: TriO Scholars end-of-year celebration; all of mentors will hopefully attend with the intention of getting to socialize with the students.
5. Doreen will call all the mentors to get their feedback

Events:

1. Picnic Day Open House & parade; partnering with OLLI, Center for Companion Animals, Yolo County DA/elder abuse; Bob Eernisse's Mustang convertible in parade with Hess, Walters, Halferty as riders in the car; banners on all 4 sides of car
2. Thank you luncheon honoring Advisory Committee at I-House on May 24th. Provost Hinshaw will attend.
3. Steak Bake on June 9, 2007; grilling our own steaks but having Sodexo cater the rest including a possible no-host bar; finalizing budget & cost of tickets to the attendees, trying to keep price at \$35-40 per person; limit guests to 100 people;

working with ReproGraphics on invitation later today; in the mail April 27th;
RSVP's due May 25th.

Postcard:

1. Dropped April 3rd via first class mail in order to guarantee delivery before Picnic Day (sending it 3rd class at that late date was not recommended by Bulk Mail)
Cost differential is: +\$725.
2. Response rate (as of April 10th): 3% for Retirees; 3.5% for Emeriti
3. May get better return rate due to 1st class status (people treat 1st class mail as more important than bulk)
4. Postcard Highlights "Picnic Day" and "Steak Bake"

Other Outreach:

1. "Benefits" is handing out our new fliers in their Election Kit, (one for emeriti and one for staff), that is given to individuals when they are actually retiring. Doreen called Bill Brooks this morning to request handwritten list of soon-to-be-retired individuals.
2. "Benefits" also handing these out at their Retirement Planning classes, which are designed for people 1-5 years from actual retirement.
3. Constance Stevens's..."Next Chapter" workshops.
4. Updating the trifold for the Retirees' Assoc. starting Monday.
5. "Soaring to New Heights" April 17th (Principles of Community Event).

Misc.:

1. Administrative Assistant III; job listing closed March 12th; had 2 "special circumstances" interviews scheduled in March; first one dropped out, 2nd one isn't qualified and was sent a disqualification statement yesterday.
2. UCDHS – begin office hours after AA3 begins.
3. Updating Video History Project list for John Goss.
4. Periodically send out DVD's to interviewees.
5. Retirees' Association spring newsletter will be mailed by April 19th.
6. Begin working on EmeriTimes spring issue next week.
7. Web site: next update schedule for week of April 23rd; add link to campus map on Center home page; also add name of speaker to EA home page, plus update the handbook online and the Video History Project.

Retiree Center Advisory Committee:

Charley Hess distributed copies of his report on the history of the formation of the Retiree Center. This is a detailed history with several attachments documenting the entire process of the formation of the Center up to its current status. It was suggested that a note appear in the spring *EmeriTimes* reporting that the document will be available for viewing on the UC Davis Retiree Center website.

Report of Retiree Association

Bob Halferty reported on activities of the Retiree Association. The May meeting will be May 7, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at ARC; parking available. The speaker will be John Meyer, Vice Chancellor, Resource Management, who will speak about the budget for the coming year. The June meeting will be at UC DMC, reflecting the fact that there are a number of RA members from UC DMC.

He also raised the matter of providing a token gift from UCDRA and UCDEA to Virginia Hinshaw. He will continue to look into options and work out something. The two groups will share the cost.

Progress is being made on the website, which Bob hopes will resemble that of the Emeriti Association. A target completion date is the end of June.

Centennial Planning:

Alex McCalla reported that there will be a brainstorming session to help plan for the Centennial on April 25, 2-4 in room 63 Mrak. The following people are scheduled to attend: Ann Scheuring, Laurie Lewis, Alex McCalla, Verne Mendel, Charlie Nash, Bob Segar, Doreen Strnad, Joe Tupin, Carol Wall, and Dick Walters.

Awards and Recognition Committee:

Charley Hess reported that The Awards and Recognition Committee recommended the establishment of a UC Davis Distinguished Emeriti Award which would be open to UCD emeriti in all disciplines. This would be in contrast to the Panunzio Award which is open only to emeriti in the humanities and social sciences. The Executive Committee modified the proposal to read that the Provost would “endorse” the proposed recipient after the individual(s) had been recommended by the Awards and Recognition Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The final wording of the award is as follows:

The UC Davis Distinguished Emeriti Award

The UC Davis Distinguished Emeriti Award honors outstanding scholarly work or service (e.g. service in professional, University, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental, or editorial posts or committees) performed by a University of California, Davis emeritus or emerita since retirement.

Deans, the Provost, and the Emeriti Association may nominate individuals for the Award. Initial nominations may be made simply on the basis of a candidate’s curriculum vitae and a nomination letter. The Awards and Recognition Committee will select one or more individuals for the development of a full dossier including a cover letter outlining the nominee’s distinctive scholarly work and/or educational service since retirement, a copy of his or her curriculum vitae, and supporting letters from leaders in the field commenting specifically on the nominee’s achievements since retirement.

Nominations should be submitted to the President of the UC Davis Emeriti Association by November 16, 2007. The nominations will be reviewed by the Awards and Recognition Committee and one or more candidates will be selected for development of a full dossier. The full dossier(s) will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for the selection of a potential recipient. The selected recipient will be endorsed by the Provost prior to making the award. The award will be announced by April 15, 2008.

The award will include recognition by his or her peers at an event such as the Chancellor's annual dinner for Emeriti, an appropriate memento, and/or a cash award of at least \$1,000.

Charley Hess also reported that he was notified by Claudia Mitchell-Kernan, Vice Chancellor for Graduate Studies at UCLA and chair of the Panunzio Board, that the UCD 2006-07 nomination for the Panunzio Award was not accepted because the nominee was an artist and the Panunzio Board does not consider art as being in the humanities. Several protests have been sent to Claudia Mitchell-Kernan. President Walters will bring this strange interpretation of eligibility to the attention of CUCEA at the April 26th meeting.

Membership List Updates:

Dick Walters reported briefly on the ongoing saga of attempting to get reliable, consistent data regarding new retirees, deaths, spouses, etc. Sharie Sprague provided us with an update of the UCOP data. She also printed out two short lists – one with names no longer on the UCOP database which were there in the October listing; the second a list of new names. After studying these files, Dick generated a number of questions regarding how the data were generated, why certain names were deleted, and other matters requiring clarification. These issues remain to be resolved, but Sharie is working on them. Dick also indicated that he was interested in finding out more about the process of designating certain individuals not members of the Academic Senate to be emeriti. He is exploring that issue and will report at the next meeting.

Video Committee:

Verne Mendel reported that there are 308 videos recorded to date, with several scheduled in the next two months. Things are going well, but there is a need to find some people to back up the three emeriti doing all the work at present: Verne, John Goss and Bill Breidenbach. Verne will write an article to include in the next issue of Emeritimes calling for volunteers.

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Nash reported that the balance in the Bank America Emeriti Account #07038-15758 stands as of April 12, 2007 at \$15941.77, There are currently 112 paid Annual memberships and 155 Life Memberships.

Other Business:

The By-Laws review task force is meeting Apr. 13th and will have some suggested changes to report after that meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Walters, President