

Minutes of the UCDEA Executive Committee meeting
April 11, 2013 at the West Conference Room of the Buehler Alumni Center

Present: Vohs (Chair), Lacy, Rains, Breidenbach, Costantini, Dobris, Smiley, Sallee, Boorkman, Harrison, Lofland, McGuinness, Hays, McCalla², Jackman, Hess, Barnes

The meeting began at 10:05am.

1. No announcements
2. Minutes—accepted as distributed.
3. UCRA Report (P. McCalla)—The RA now has a full slate of officers; the vice-president/president-elect will be Janet Hamilton, Program co-chairs will be Bill Wagman and Louie Campos. Their Executive Committee will be discussing long-range plans today.
4. Retiree Center Update (Barnes)—Spaces are still available on the Presidio trip, planning is underway for the spring events, and the newsletter is at the printers.
5. Archivist (Boorkman)—no report.
6. Financial (Sallee)—accepted as distributed.
7. Committee reports
 - a. Membership—annuals are fewer because those not renewing were dropped.
 - b. Awards and Recognition—There will be \$25,000 for the Dickson award this year and for the next two years, as well; calls for nominations will go out in the spring newsletter and via email announcement.
 - c. Committee on Committees (Jackman)—Slate is set for next year. Rains has agreed to serve as Awards and Recognition chair. We will be looking for a co-chair for the Program committee and will look at the list of attendees at past events to see if there are regular attendees who might want to serve. Bruce Carswell was mentioned as a possibility.
 - d. Editorial (McGuinness)—reiterated that the spring issue was at the printers.
 - e. Program (Barnes)—Looking for ideas for the fall general meeting. A representative from the office of the president and Guerren Solbach were suggested. Hess said that someone from the president's office was necessary because of the changes anticipated in the health care offerings and for an update on UCRS.
 - f. University and Public Relations (Lacy)—his committee is working with the Athletic Dept. on the possibility of mentoring student athletes, and is considering expanding such a service to all students. The Cal Aggie Association is considering mentoring the children of migrant workers.
 - g. Video (Breidenbach)—12 interviews have been completed this year, with 5 more in the pipeline. They will push to start earlier next fall and not let most interviews occur during winter and spring. He asked for a commemorative statement to honor Verne Mendel on his second retirement, this time from the Video group; it was suggested that Mendel be honored at the appreciation luncheon. Breidenbach also said that new, younger members are needed on the committee, especially those who are tech savvy. Interviews from the medical and veterinary schools are needed, and there are none from the Art Dept. Perhaps small groups could be filmed, up to 4 or 5, discussing the history of their department.
8. Senate and campus involvement updates
 - a. Emeriti Welfare (Hess)—Health-care facilitators are now funded, but Hess, Stuart

- Hill, and Robert May are urging V.P. Duckett to increase the funding for the program and for data collection. Hess, at the CUCEA meeting, will urge the campus chairs to contact the chairs of their campus's Faculty Welfare Committees to inform them of this issue prior to their meeting at the University Committee on Faculty Welfare. Hess introduced a motion that UCDEA Executive Committee supports the recommendation for an increase in UCOP funding for the HCF program to facilitate increased data collection and the increased work load due to changes in health care benefits approved by the regents in 2011, changes in Medicare due to the Affordable Health Care legislation, and changes that may be made from implementation of the recommendations made by the Health Care Benefits Work Group chaired by VP Duckett. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Campus Community Council (Lofland)—The group felt that a strong response was needed to push against for-profit corporations pushing for online education. The council believed that online education was training, not education, not adequate to get a student beyond the first job.
 - c. Vohs called attention to the Initiative on Interdisciplinary Research in Humanities and Arts grants; millions are available from the vice-chancellor for research.
 - d. Vohs announced that Chancellor Katehi has convened a Blue Ribbon Committee on Freedom of Expression, and that Hays has agreed to serve on it.
9. Continuing Business
- a. Vohs discussed the Emeriti College and the need of a webmaster for UCDEA; such a position was approved by the committee.
 - b. Next year's winter general meeting will again be held at the Med School campus; we still need to find a way to create ties and an organization of emeriti at the Med School. McCalla volunteered to lead this effort.
10. New Business
- a. Committee chairs' reports are due by the spring general meeting, and the archivist wants copies.
 - b. (Barnes)--The new retirees' reception will be June 20, resource day will be July 18. The funds for retirement financial planning has been cut: Gil Sebastian's assistant is taking a job at UCLA and will not be replaced, leaving only him. This needs to be taken up with University H.R. Hess said that the faculty welfare committee is addressing this issue.
 - c. At a previous meeting, the association boards voted to discontinue noon talks in the months of general meetings. However, in the fall that would leave just one noon talk because of the Madrigal luncheon. Barnes asked if the board would like to add one additional noon talk. We approved noon talks for Oct. 10 and Nov. 14; none on Oct. 30 (general meeting) or Dec. 11. Barnes will bring this to the attention of the UCDEA board.
 - d. We need to develop a statement on online education; a subcommittee has been formed (Hays, Breidenbach, Lofland); perhaps invite Steinberg to campus for a meeting.
 - e. We can use the 9:00 hour for general discussions with people like Steinberg or others.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32am.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter L. Hays