Draft Minutes for UCDEA Executive Committee meeting April 9, 2015, at the Conference Center

Present: Lofland (Chair), Boorkman, Lacy, Haughton, McCalla, Hamilton, Breidenbach, Flocchini, Jackman, Smiley, Hays, Vohs, Hess, Rains, Parsons, McGuinness, Dobris, Barnes.

Meeting began promptly at 10:00

1. Announcements (Lofland): There has been one nominee for the Awards Committee, none for the Social Committee. Boorkman announced that UCDRA is revising its webpage, wondering how to make UCDRA, UCDEA, and the Retiree Center distinct. Boorkman distributed a list of major activities with which UCDEA engages in hope of attracting more members.

2. Minutes--accepted as corrected.

3. UCDRA Report (Hamilton): Echoing Boorkman, how to develop a symbiotic relationship with the Retiree Center on the website.

4. Retiree Center Update (Barnes): Taking sign-ups for the Phantom trip and for the Sierra wineries, planning for the New Retirees reception, the Retirees Resources Fair, and the Fall Fest. She is working on focus groups to develop a way to help widows and widowers. The Center may abolish the Advisory Committee, as no longer serving a useful purpose.

5. Archivist (Haughton): Can put all digital records back to 2007 on the website and can scan written documents. The procedure is progressing nicely.


7. New business
   a. Lofland wants to set up the agenda for the June meeting and asks for email input.

8. Continuing Business
   a. Outreach to UCDHS (Vohs): No report.

9. Committee Reports
   a. Membership (Vohs): There are 7 or 8 new lifetime members.
   b. Ad hoc Communications (Vohs): No report
   c. University and Public Relations (Lacy): The committee has met to discuss how to implement and advertise the speakers' bureau. It will operate through the UCDEA website and should be operational in the fall. Perhaps there could be a box on the home page of the UCDEA website with a link to the bureau. Smiley said that the Campus Office of Communications and the deans should be notified of its existence.
d. Awards and Recognition (Rains): Barb Goldman has joined the committee. During the meeting, language regarding eligibility was clarified, allowing staff with academic titles to qualify for the Dickson Award.

e. Committee on Committees (Smiley): No report.


g. Program (Parsons): He announced that Scott Fishman would be speaking at the Brainfood Talk today. For the Fall general meeting, before Guerren Solbach, he suggested Amparo Villablanca. The suggestion was greeted with enthusiasm.

h. Video Records (McCalla): The history of the project has been recorded; no photos of Everard D'Harnancourt have been inserted yet. The committee meeting had limited attendance. 25-30 people have indicated interest in participating in the project but have not scheduled appearances. How to advertise the process and promote participation? McCalla suggested a chair and two vice-chairs, one for production, one for recruitment. There are 411 interviews; the project started in 1992. Have to look at expanding link to YouTube. Could there be a link to the UCDEA website?

10. Senate and Campus Involvement

a. Emeriti Welfare (Hess): "The committee chair met with the Health Sciences to determine their reaction to Vice-President Stobo's proposal for a UC Care HMO. How would they react to fees being raised beyond 3% annually? Would the proposal affect their case load or their research? They said on the latter question there would be no effect and were enthusiastic about the proposal. Health Net, even if it managed the HMO for UC, would still be able to offer plans to emeriti. UC hopes eventually to be able to compete with Kaiser. These revisions, however, do ignore remote campus sites, such as Tahoe, Bodega Bay, etc. On a separate issue, should CUCEA and CUCRA merge? It would save money.

b. Campus Community Council (Dobris): The emphasis was for the 2020 Initiative group focusing on diversity and inclusion, headed by Suad Joseph. They have divided into 10 subgroups and have a budget of $700,000. There is also a new payroll and personnel system by Oracle, UC Task, replacing our existing one. It will centralize all personnel processes and will take another year or two to implement.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Hays