

Campus Connections

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It's official!

In March, University of California President Mark Yudof issued a statement formally recognizing retiree and emeriti associations as "affiliated organizations" as defined by Regents Policy. The policy acknowledges the service of volunteer groups and encourages their support of the university, recognizing their "valuable assistance in fundraising, public outreach and other support for the university's mission."

Deanna Falge Pritchard, UCDDA representative to CUCRA, the Council of University of California Retiree Associations, supplied a bit of background for the policy's development.

A policy to provide formal recognition was completed at UCLA in 2011, and announced at the CUCRA/CUCEA meeting in April of that year. Because of similar interest on other campuses, a proposed systemwide policy was developed with leadership from John Sandbrook, chief of staff for President Yudof; Geoff O'Neill, assistant vice president, Institutional Advancement; and Cheryl Lloyd, director of liability at the UC Office of the President. CUCEA/CUCRA and the UC Office of the President then proceeded to move the policy through to final approval.

The critical passage of President Yudof's statement says, "While the retiree and emeriti associations have a long and distinguished history of service to the university, there has not been a formal recognition of the relationship between these groups and the university. Effective immediately, emeriti associations and retiree associations, including the Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA) and the

UCDDA/UCDEA Fall Meeting

Friday, November 9

UC Davis Conference Center Ballrooms

Mix and Mingle/Partner Showcase	1:45 – 2:30 p.m.
Program	2:30 – 4 p.m.
Mix and Mingle/Partner Showcase continues	4 – 4:30 p.m.

Register by Tuesday, October 30, online at <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu> or by calling (530)752-5182.

The UC system currently spends 1.8 billion dollars annually on employee and retiree health and welfare programs. At the current level of benefits, costs are expected to grow by 100 million dollars each year. On an annual basis, the UC Office of the President evaluates all program components and explores cost-curbing measures. Mike Baptista, executive director of Benefits Programs and Strategy for the UC system, will discuss some benefit changes that have been made this year as well as ideas for benefit changes UC is considering for the future.

Guerren Solbach, UC Davis health care facilitator, will preview Open Enrollment changes for health and welfare benefits.

Several Retiree Center partners, including the UC Office of the President, the Department of Campus Recreation, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will provide information. Atria Covell Gardens will generously donate refreshments.

UCDEA/UCDDA Holiday Luncheon

- Date/time: Wednesday, December 5, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Location: Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center, Davis campus
- Cost: UCDEA/UCDDA members and guests—\$15 per person; non-members and guests—\$20 p.p.
- Registration: download a registration form at: <http://retireecenterevents.ocp.ucdavis.edu/Home>

Mark your calendars for the annual festive holiday luncheon, sponsored by the UCDEA and the UCDDA. The luncheon will feature a buffet menu, generously donated by Atria Covell Gardens, and a performance by an octet of the Davis High School Madrigal Choir.

Council of UC Retiree Associations (CUCRA), will be considered 'affiliated organizations'...' As an important practical result of this decision,

the UCDEA and UCDDA now qualify for event liability insurance coverage and other advantages afforded affiliated organizations in the UC system.

UC DAVIS RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

Retirees' Association Executive Board Members 2012-2013

Officers

- Gloria Alvarado, President
- Phyllis McCalla, Vice President
- Norma Rice, Secretary
- Diane Mundy, Treasurer
- Bob Halferty, Archivist
- Ted Hillyer
Immediate Past President

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- Lucy Day (2012-14)
- Lew Dudman (2011-13)
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- Sharon (McMillan) Ewing
(2012-14)
- Don McNary (2011-13)
- Millie Whitehead (2012-14)

Committee chairs

- Sharon Henn, Audit
- Beverly Brooks, By-laws
- Aggie Costantini/John Whitehead
Membership
- Phyllis McCalla, Nominating
- Sandy Filby, Program
(co-chair with UCDEA)
- Vacant, Public Relations
- Vacant, Scholarship

Additional Members

- Barbara Nichols
Retiree Center Advisory
Committee Representative
(2012-2015), CUCRA Alternate
Representative
- Deanna Falge Pritchard
CUCRA Representative

UCDRA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account	
Balance forward	\$17,685.49
Credits	2,290.00
Debits	<u>1,314.04</u>
Closing balance 9/2012	<u>\$18,661.45</u>

President's message



As students start a new year of classes, we retirees begin a new year of activities and enjoyment. Welcome to all the new retirees who are reading *Campus Connections* for the first time and welcome back to retirees who are looking forward to another productive and challenging year with UCDRA. Before we move forward, however, let me look back for a moment to provide some context.

We on the Retirees' Association Executive Board inherit the results of hard work of previous boards. For example, last spring all UC retiree and emeriti organizations gained official recognition by the president and regents of the university. (See *It's official*, page 1). Further, we in UCDRA start this year, thanks to the leadership of prior President Ted Hillyer, with a re-defined structure for our board that includes descriptions of duties, an organizational chart, committee charges and revised by-laws. The previous boards' work lets us begin with everything in order, which is a privilege for all of us.

From here, we will go forward to represent all UC Davis retirees in a way that strengthens our advocacy for and service to each of you and to the University. We hope to engage and involve each of you in our many activities and in fellowship. I look forward to serving you.

Gloria Alvarado, President, UCDRA

Recap of UCDRA/UCDEA activities for 2011-12

Outgoing presidents Ted Hillyer and Bill Rains each reviewed their association's activities at their spring annual meetings. Jointly, the associations published three issues of *Campus Connections* newsletter, organized three general meetings, seven noon talks, and the holiday luncheon. Representatives from both the UCDRA and UCDEA were nominated for several UC Davis committees and taskforces, including the Chancellor's 2020 Initiatives task forces. Finally, the associations donated funds for lobby furniture to be placed in the Retiree Center and provided both volunteer and financial support for many center-sponsored day trips and events, such as the Steak Bake and the New Retirees Reception.

UCDRA focused on making organizational processes clearer and more effective, from development of a new mission statement to clarification of board structures; developed

a new board orientation; and began formation of a long-range planning committee. A Facebook page and a new membership brochure were created to improve communication with members and outreach to prospective members. Continuing activities for the association included awarding a \$1,000 staff scholarship and honoring three exceptional retirees, who rode in a horse-drawn carriage in the Picnic Day parade.

The UCDEA video records committee completed 15 new interviews of retired faculty and administrators to enhance the campus' oral history record and made DVDs of most of the previously recorded interviews available to both the campus library and DCTV's website, where they will have much greater visibility. To make it easier for new emeriti to find out about the association and its activities, a group redesigned the UCDEA brochure.

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EMERITI ASSOCIATION

President's message

It looks like another good year ahead for the UC Davis Emeriti Association. We have an energetic, dedicated Executive Committee and outstanding staff support. Certainly one big news item to start off this year's agenda is the new, 'permanent' (one uses this term advisedly) office space for the Retiree Center. After years of being located in temporary office space(s), the UC Davis Retiree Center has moved to its new site—a suite of offices in the Alumni Center. It is a choice location in many respects, and we are grateful to those in the campus administration who have clearly shown their tangible support for members of the retiree community.



This past year has also seen a significant increase in the number of emeriti colleagues who have been invited to participate on committees and work with other groups dealing with campus planning and governance. This, too, is an endorsement of the value to the campus of retired faculty members.

I want to welcome the newly retired faculty members as well as others who have recently joined the UC Davis Emeriti Association. It is an organization that is dedicated to a dual mission: serving as an advocate for the interests of retired faculty and providing programs and services to enrich the lives of its members. There is a lot being offered here to suit a wide variety of interests. I encourage you to use the UCDEA as one of your resources

John Vohs, president, UCDEA

Noon talk/general meeting schedule

Mark your calendars! The UCDEA/UCDRA schedule of talks and events will change slightly for the 2012-13 academic year. The first noon talk of the year will be held at the International House in Davis, but thereafter all noon talks will take place at the Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center on the Davis campus. This change in venue will allow more people to be accommodated at the talks, so invitations will be extended to current faculty and staff as well as retirees. In the months that general membership meetings are scheduled (November, February, May) noon talks will not be held, but the general meetings will feature lively and informative speakers. Winter and spring quarter schedule follows:

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Noon Talk	Alumni Center UC Davis
Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013	2 – 4 p.m.	General Membership UCDRA and UCDEA	MIND Institute, Health System (Sacramento)
Thursday, Mar. 14, 2013	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Noon Talk	Alumni Center UC Davis
Thursday, Apr. 11, 2013	11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Noon Talk	Alumni Center UC Davis
Thursday, May 9, 2013	2 – 4 p.m.	UCDEA Annual Business Meeting	Alumni Center UC Davis
Thursday, May 16, 2013	2 – 4 p.m.	UCDRA Annual Business Meeting	Alumni Center UC Davis

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Representative (2012-14)

Joel Dobris (2011-13)

Committee chairs

Alan Jackman/Bob Smiley
Committee on Committees

Al Harrison
Awards and Recognition

Charley Hess, Emeriti Welfare

Nora McGuinness, Editorial

Bob Floccini
Program and Agenda
(co-chair with UCDEA)

Dick Walters, Membership

Charles Lacy
University and Public Relations

Bill Breidenbach/Alex McCalla
Video Records

UCDEA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account
Balance forward \$16,959.74
Credits 975.61
Debits 1,657.64
Closing balance 8/2012 \$16,959.71

UCDRA Staff Scholarship awarded



The 2013 UCDRA Scholarship recipient, Donna Glaeser (photo:courtesy)

Donna Glaeser, an animal health technician at the Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital is the 2012 recipient of the \$1,000 staff scholarship awarded by the Retirees' Association. Donna completed her undergraduate degree in Animal Science at UC Davis in 1996 and joined the VMTH in 1998. She is enrolled in an accelerated second bachelor's degree program in nursing at California State University, Sacramento, and is on schedule to complete her degree and qualify as a registered nurse in May 2013.

Ms. Glaeser works graveyard shift in the Small Animal Intensive Care Unit of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital in order to attend classes during the day. Having advanced to the top of her classification while continuing to provide direct patient care, she hopes to continue with the university, but at the Medical Center in Sacramento working with human patients.

The staff scholarship is based on a competitive application process, funded by the UCDRA, and completed in collaboration with the UC Davis Staff Assembly. Ms. Glaeser will receive her award at a fall ceremony along with other Staff Assembly winners. When her selection was announced at the September UCDRA Board meeting, her ambition and dedication to patient care were warmly applauded.

Call for UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus/a Award

The UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus/a Award honors outstanding scholarly work or service (e.g., service in professional, university, Academic Senate, emeriti/ae, departmental, or editorial posts or committees) performed since retirement by a UC Davis emeritus/a. Deans, the provost, and UCDEA members may submit nominations for the award. Please submit nomination letters to the chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee, care of Marjorie Ahl at the UC Davis Retiree Center (mahl@ucdavis.edu).

Nomination letters should outline the nominee's distinctive scholarly work and/or educational service since retirement. Nominations should also include a copy of the nominee's CV and three references who can comment specifically on the nominee's achievements since retirement. Nominations must be submitted electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13.

Distinguished Emeritus/a Award recipients receive a plaque and a cash award of \$1,000. The award will be announced at the Chancellor's Emeriti and Academic Retirees luncheon in January 2013.

In Memoriam

We remember these members who have died in recent months.

Retirees' Association

Nancy Chorman
Shirley Miller
Elva Scheier
Gary Schultz
Marya Welch

Emeriti Association

Richard ("Dick") Harris
James Hutchinson
Walter Jennings
Chih-Kang Shen

Emeriti welfare news

by Charley E. Hess

You may have heard or read that the California Legislature has passed and Governor Brown has signed a pension reform plan. Be aware, however, the legislation does not apply to University of California employees, who are covered by a separate university pension plan. Among other changes, the new plan will require many state workers to pay higher pension contributions and will increase the retirement age at which new employees can receive maximum retirement benefits.

Some recommendations made by the UC Post-Employment Benefits Task Force and approved by the regents that do affect the UC pension plan and health benefits will be implemented on July 1, 2013. These changes apply only to new hires or current employees and not to retirees. However, the director of the systemwide Human Resources Office has appointed a task force to continue to study ways in which employee/retiree health care costs can be reduced or at least contained. We will continue to monitor the work of this task force and report on proposed changes which would affect retirees.

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