Minutes

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

Announcements: Bob Halferty announced that the Retirees’ Association has scheduled its program for Winter Quarter, to be held Feb. 5, 2007.

Minutes were approved as distributed.

Retiree Center Coordinator’s Report:
Doreen stated that the Budget for the Center, Emeriti Association and Retirees’ Association is nearing final approval and will be presented at meetings in January.

Proposed Events for 2007 are nearing completion. Doreen distributed a handout describing proposed volunteer activities (attached to these minutes) associated with these events, and other items. In subsequent discussion it was noted that there is strong sentiment in favor of having retirees do the cooking for the Steak Bake, and this item will be added to Doreen’s list of proposed volunteers.

The move to 166-168 Everson Hall is nearly complete. Doreen’s office, 166, is fully set up, and some minor furniture adjustments are needed to meet fire marshal code in 168.

Vacancy listing for an Assistant is nearly ready to be posted, and recruitment is hoped to start in January.

Updates to the Web sites for Emeriti Association and Retiree Center were given to Sharie Sprague, who is nearly done with them.

Retiree Center Advisory President’s Meeting:
Charley Hess handed out minutes of the last meeting (attached), which summarizes the budgetary assumptions that define the relative responsibilities of the Center and the two associations. The specifics were discussed, with the understanding that adjustments will probably be required as we gain experience with the establishment of the center. The process will probably be that the presidents of the two associations and coordinator of the Retiree Center will submit budget estimates in late summer or early fall, and these will be reviewed and approved in time for the coming year. The budget will be discussed again at the Presidents’ meeting tomorrow, Dec. 15.
Awards and Recognition Committee:
Charley Hess announced that the Committee, chaired by Lee Baldwin, unanimously recommended that Wayne Thiebeaud’s name be submitted as the UC Davis nominee for the Panunzio award. Dick Walters has sent a follow-up letter to Dean Owens requesting some revisions in her nomination letter and the addition of letters of support from experts in Professor Thiebeaud’s field, with a due date of Jan, 14, 2007.

E.A. Dickson Award: Dick Walters reported that he has set up two set of workshops for winter quarter, 2007 on Teaching, Learning and Technology for faculty and other instructors. The response has been positive, and both sessions are nearly full, with a maximum of 15 for each. Dick also requested that people who are interested in taking on these workshops after the current academic year contact him, and he has had one response so far, which he will follow up on soon. Information on these sessions can be found at the Emeriti Association Web Site.

Centennial Planning:
Alex McCalla reported on the kickoff meeting of the Centennial “All Hands Meeting” Nov 15. Goals of the Centennial are:
- Raise the overall profile and stature of UC Davis
- Increase engagement and reinforce campus connections for all campus constituents
- Establish institutional priorities for the next century
- Recognize and celebrate a century of achievement by the campus

In seeking to attain these goals, the planning group, spearheaded by Bob Segar, Laurie Lewis and Mabel Salon, have set up subgroups to focus on the following five areas:
- Representation at the State Fair 2008
- A Fall Festival, 2008
- A Spring Festival, 2009
- A History Project, to include preparation of a pictorial history of the campus
- Sprucing up the campus in preparation for the Centennial, perhaps creating a Centennial Walk.

Individuals attending the opening meeting were invited to sign up for participation in one or more of these activities. The History portion of this process was discussed as an area where emeriti/ae could be particularly effective, since we have a number of resources and individuals interested in this area. With respect to possibly building on the book Abundant Harvest, written by Ann Schuering with help from members of the Emeriti Association and published in 2000, it was note that the options probably did not include an update for that book, as there are still nearly 3,000 copies remaining undistributed, but that a companion volume might be feasible. Use of the existing videos might include creating a set of video clips, use of portions of Clark Kerr’s recollections, or developing other new materials. One idea was to initiate a new series focusing on historical topics were all possible. Alex and Verne Mendel will consider ways in which this area might be addressed.
Faculty Handbook:
Last year, Dan Simmons asked the Emeriti Association to help create a new Faculty Handbook, as the old one is out of date and no longer distributed. (Dick Walters checked with Dan, who said that nothing had been done by the Senate, since they were waiting on us). Alan Jackman will investigate this area and report when he has further information.

Membership List Updates:
Doreen has received from the Office of the President a MSAccess database of emeriti and retirees. She will also receive regular updates. She has attended two all-day training sessions on Access, and hopes to begin work on this information source shortly. She will also receive shortly a list of retirees with address information from Jean Wigglesworth, Events Manager for the campus.

We are experiencing some difficulties in obtaining up-to-date information on 2006 retirees. The most recent date of retirement on lists provide us to date is Aug 1, 2006. We are attempting to get further update information, but it is proving difficult.

Treasurer’s Report:
A copy of the Treasurer’s report was distributed in Charlie Nash’s absence. It is also appended to the minutes. We appear to be in very good shape.

Video Committee:
Verne Mendel reported that, to date, 298 interviews have been conducted, with additional interviews scheduled into March, 2007. Jim DeVay has reported that he has essentially run out of names for whom he has contact information, especially phone numbers. Equipment is in good shape, and all interviews are now available either in CD or DVD format. In response to a question about possible use of the equipment by others, Verne indicated that at present three members of the committee: Bill Breidenbach, Bob Leighton and himself, are trained in its use, but that it is a steep learning curve and it is probably not feasible to plan on use by others in the near future. There is a need at some point to create subject indexes for these tapes, as they contain a great wealth of information but it is difficult to locate specific topics. Discussion followed regarding different ways that historical components might receive greater attention, and, as noted earlier, Verne and Alex McCalla will look into this matter.

Emeritimes: The next issue of the EmeriTimes should go out in January, so planning for its content should begin immediately. Dick Walters will solicit input from committee members by email shortly. Dick also suggested that it is time to start thinking of revitalizing the EmeriTimes Committee to assist with preparation of future issues. Bob Halferty suggested that Barbara Anderson, a retiree who has had editorial experience, might be able to offer some assistance. Alex will explore the possibilities of identifying individuals who might help.
Other Business:
In response to a question regarding planning for the Retiree Center, Charley Hess noted that John Yates gave a presentation at the Oct. 20 meeting of the Retiree Center Advisory Group in which he said that plans for space for the Retiree Center were definitely included in the construction of the Hotel Conference Center, with anticipated completion date in 2008-09 in time for Centennial activities.

Attachments:
- Events and proposed volunteer activities
- Presidents’ Meeting budget summary Nov 16, 2006

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Walters, President

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UCD EMERITI ASSOCIATION
Financial Report
Executive Committee Meeting, December 14, 2006

Bank of America Account #07038-15758
Balance brought forward as of 9/13/06  $11,326.32

Credits
- Dues 4275.00
- Donations 45.00
- Interest 2.94
Balance plus Credits  $15,649.26

Debits
- UCDEA Video Expenses  $514.89
Total Debits  $514.89

Closing balance as of 12/12/06  $15,134.37

UCDEA Endowment Fund #9914 Statement as of October 31, 2006
Invested Book Value  $12,000.00
Market Value 10/31/06  18,516.19
Market Value 08/31/06  17,985.85
Difference  + 530.34
(Annualized Return = 17.7% on $17,985.85)

Dues-paying Membership as of 12/13/06: Annual Members = 109 & Life Members = 154

Respectfully submitted,

Charles P. Nash
Treasurer

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