Minutes of the UCDEA Executive Committee
December 10, 2008
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Present: McCalla (chair), McGuinness, Gall, Goldman, Hays, Webster, Harrison, Rains, Walters, Goss, Costantini, Ahl.

1. Announcements—Ruth Ann Kinsella sought associate membership in the Emeriti Assoc.; it was granted unanimously.

2. Minutes of the Nov. 13th meeting were accepted.

3. Retirees’ Center (Ahl)—Ahl is planning winter and spring programs, a basketball event in February and a wine-tasting March 7. She questioned how popular the basketball event would be. Since there is little cost involved for us, the committee recommended that she hold the event.

4. Retirees’ Advisory Committee (Walters and Ahl)—Potential program managers have been interviewed; a second round of interviews will be held next week. The manager should be in place in January.

5. Retirees’ Assoc.—no report; Schultz not present.

6. Senate Exec. Committee Liaison—Rost not present. Concerns over emeriti parking will be forwarded to him.

7. Membership (Walters)—Some annual members converted to lifetime status. There has been good response from recent retirees. The Emeriti Assoc. membership is approximately 30% of all emeritus faculty.

8. Financial Report (Goldman). Goldman suggested moving the meetings to I-House; the committee concurred and will do so next month. There has been no clarification from either our administration or UCOP with regard to expenditure limitations on how we could spend the endowment.

9. Committee reports
   a. Program (Rains)—no economist yet for February’s program. In January, Bob Segar will talk about the Gateway Project; March’s topic will be University Communities. Rains has gotten a proposal from Tandem Development for a program on senior housing in Davis. City staff oppose such a project because it segregates seniors rather than disbursing them through the community. Rains will try for a May meeting with other participants, perhaps from the city and University Retirement Community. For the general meeting February 23, the topic of UCRS was proposed. Another topic mentioned was our academic ties to Iran; Bill Lacy would be the appropriate connection.
   b. Awards (McCalla for Swinehart)—The announcement of the Panunzio award went out to depts. in the fall. One nomination came back, for Refugio (Will) Rochin. It will be forwarded to the Awards committee.
   c. Committee on Committees (Costantini)—letters were sent to committee chairs asking if there were positions needing to be filled or refilled.
   d. Video (Goss and McCalla)—Verne Mendel has completed 18 of 21 DVDs, but they must be compressed further before they can be put on the Centennial website. The Committee authorized up to $1000 to get the DVDs online and an additional $200 for new monitors.

10. Other Business
    a. Walters said that distribution of Abundant Harvest was improving with copies given to chairs for recruiting purposes; 20 chairs wanted 240
copies. Additional copies went to departmental libraries. There has been no response from Alumni Relations with regard to giving copies to donors. The Bookstore's copies are not well displayed. Walters will ask the Retirees' Assoc. if they want to distribute copies to their members and will contact Development officers to see if they would want copies as gifts to donors.

b. Parking—our permits have been renewed for 6 months only, and ostensibly for only 2 days a week. The Committee authorized McCalla to ask the chancellor how much the program costs. Ahl will investigate how much emeriti have contributed financially to the campus.

c. There is ongoing discussion to combine our newsletter with that of the Retirees' Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Hays