Draft Minutes  UCDEA Executive Committee Meeting February 9, 2012, @ I-House

Present: Rains (chair), Hillyer, Hess, Hays, Walters, McCalla, Vohs, Schleiner, Breidenbach, Harrison, Lofland, Jackman, Boorkman, Lacy, Ahl

1. Announcements (Rains)—several would miss today’s meeting.
2. Minutes—approved as distributed.
3. Retiree Center Report (Ahl)—Space has been approved for the Center in the Alumni Center; which space is under further discussion. Also, the budget has been reinstated at pre-budget-cut levels. Because there has been so many sign-ups for the Underground Sacramento trip, a second trip has been scheduled for March 28. Another day trip to Fioli Gardens has been scheduled for May 3. The winter 2012 edition of Campus Connections is out, and the Panunzio Award documents have been sent to UCLA.
4. Retirees’ Association Report (Hillyer)—They appreciate UCDEA nominating Bob Halferty to the 2020 Initiative Facilities Committee. The organization formed a new mission statement, reviewed their structure, defined officers’ duties, and restructured orientation for new officers, along with new materials.
5. Academic Senate Liaison /Emeriti Welfare (Hess)—they are meeting Feb. 14.
6. Archivist (Boorkman)—no report
8. Committees
   a. Membership (Walters)—we have 123 annual members, with 15 in arrears; 246 lifetime members, and 64 associate members.
   b. Awards (Harrison)—He is awaiting results of our Panunzio nomination from UCLA and needs more members for his committee, particularly in the biological sciences and in the humanities.
   c. Committee on Committees (Jackman)—Candidates are needed for the vice-president position; Harrison will stay on as chair of Awards for another year.
   d. Editorial (Ahl)—The call for articles for the next Campus Connection will go out next week.
   e. Program (Schleiner)—John Capitano is speaking today; Rosalie and Larry Vanderhoef at the General Meeting on Feb. 27; on March 8 Andy Frank will speak on energy sustainability; Connie Radcliff will discuss UC’s budget on April 12; Cruz Reynozo will discuss the pepper spray incident on May 10; and on May 14, Bee columnist Dan Walters will speak.
   f. University and Public Relations (Lacy)—Discussed the Public Agenda Report, particularly the selection and role of the regents. To give the committee more information about the regents possible speakers mentioned were Dan Simmons, former regent Gould, and Steve Arditi. Also desired were speakers on the subject of technology vs. the Socratic method, possibly Rosemary Capps from CETL.
g. Video (Breidenbach)—Interviews are continuing, and the Video Center will stay in Mrak for the foreseeable future.

9. Continuing Business
a. Former Chancellors’ Letter (McCalla)—The former chancellors did not endorse differential fees for the different campuses, although that is happening already in the professional schools. They did endorse increasing the number of out-of-state and international students, and their most controversial suggestion was that of doubling current tuition to $24,000 and using all state support for financial aid, essentially privatizing the university. Hays wondered about the current efficacy of our Financial Aid Services. Harrison said such a tuition increase would be very poor P.R. Others noted that if the financial aid package includes student loans, it’s still a bad deal for students. Hess will talk to Vanderhoef to see where the proposal is at present and who, if any, are in opposition.

b. 2020 Initiative Academic Resources (Hess)—Their task force is trying to determine if 5000 more students pencil out in terms of needed academic resources, and if they arrive, how to distribute FTE. Should UCD try to predict using current student workload, present or anticipated research needs, or should we form an academic plan of what we envision the university to be and direct students into those curricula? If the Task Force decides on the latter approach, such a plan should come from the faculty, with broad input. Their discussions are still in the formative stage.

c. 2020 Initiative Enrollment Management (McCalla)—Actually 5500 students are envisaged, with 2 in-state for each 3 out-of-state or international, i.e., 2000 and 3000, which would mean an increase of 800-1000 for upcoming years. There are three stages: applications, admission, and actual enrollment. The registrar is doing modeling on international students to see if the number of applicants could currently be admitted without any change in our current standards. Related to the plan discussed above, into what majors should they be admitted, knowing that science majors cost more than humanities majors, and that the “profit” on non-state students would be diminished if all went into the sciences? With our current policies, how can change of majors be constrained? Support services for international students are another factor in the equation, potentially limiting “profit.” Michigan is currently at 40% out-of-state.

10. New Business (Rains)—He is distributing the Campus Climate Survey letter for our information. Much of the emphasis is on ethnic diversity. A survey will be distributed on campus. Vice-Chancellor Rahim Reed is charge of the effort.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Hays