

**UC DAVIS EMERITI ASSOCIATION REPORT**  
**CUCEA MEETING OCTOBER 27-28, 2016**

The UC Davis Emeriti Association currently has 490 members; 329 are life member. We have three categories of members: emeriti, associates (spouses of deceased emeriti), and affiliates (voted in by the Executive Committee).

With the departure of Sue Barnes as director of the Retiree Center in April, 2016, Becky Heard, director of Parent and Family Programs for the Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA), was appointed as interim director while the UC Davis Office of Development and Alumni Relations (DEVAR) assessed the Retiree Center's place in the organization. Becky and Marjorie Ahl have done an excellent job keeping programs and services moving along during this transition period.

President Jo Anne Boorkman and Vice President Tom Sallee along with the president and vice president of the UC Davis Retirees' Association met through the summer with Vice Chancellor Shaun Keister and Assistant Vice Chancellor Rich Engel as they realigned the place of the Retiree Center in the organization and determined the scope and responsibilities for a newly defined Director for Affiliated Programs. This new position will include oversight of the CAAA Parent and Family Programs, in addition to the Retiree Center. A future satellite Retiree Center Office at the Sacramento campus is being planned. The UCDEA has a representative on the recruitment committee for this new position.

The UCDEA Executive Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis during the academic year. Fall quarter scheduling had our first two meetings at the end of September. We continue to co-sponsor "BrainFood Talks" with the UCDDA at noon the second Thursday of the month. September's speaker was Mike Boyd, UCDDHS Facilities Planning, ret., who spoke on "How the Campus Has Grown" over his thirty-year career at the Sacramento medical campus. Our joint fall meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> where the program will feature Dr. Michael McCloud speaking about the "UC Davis Mini-Medical School" program for older adults in the community, and Gueren Solbach, Sr. Health Care Facilitator, who will give an update on Open Enrollment for 2017.

The Executive Committee continues to host "Coffee with Campus Leaders" at 9am before our regularly scheduled monthly meetings. We started the year having coffee and a discussion on current campus initiatives with interim chancellor Ralph Hexter on September 22. The next week we hosted vice provost – academic affairs Maureen Stanton who brought us up-to-date on new faculty hires and the successful initiatives to attract and foster a more diverse faculty.

Three emeriti were awarded Dickson Professorships for 2016-17. They were awarded to: Professor Emeritus Gerald Kost for "Preparedness for Highly Infectious Threats (Ebola Virus Disease, MERS-CoV, Others): Environmental Robustness of Point-of-Care (POC) WBC and Differential Counts Used in early Detection.", Professor Emeritus Brian Higgins for "Production of an Interactive/Multimedia iBook for a UC Davis Undergraduate Class in Chemical Engineering", and Professor Emeritus Bruce Lyeth for "Importance of Glutamate Oxaloacetate Transaminase (GOT-1) Serum Levels in TBI."

UCDEA was an active participant in the "Campus Day" that President Napolitano hosted with members of the chancellor's recruitment committee that came to hear campus and community members' thoughts on a new chancellor at UC Davis. Distinguished Emerita Sarah Hrdy represented UCDEA at this event. UCDEA and UCDDA leadership followed this with a joint letter to President Napolitano regarding selection criteria for the next UC Davis chancellor.

