

UCDEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

1:30 PM

61 Mrak Hall

Minutes

Members Present: Connie Bowe, Ed Costantini, Bob Halferty, Charley Hess, Alan Jackman, Verne Mendel, Charlie Nash, Doreen Strnad, Carol Wall, Dick Walters, John Whitaker, Dick Wydick.

Guests: Bill Rains

- I. Minutes of September 14, 2006 meeting were approved as distributed.
- II. **Introductions:** Connie Bowe, new member at large, was welcomed to the meeting.
- III. **Retiree Center Report:** Doreen reported that the move to Everson is now scheduled for Nov. 17. She is working on a budget for the Retiree Center, with the following items to date: The addition of a Retiree Center Budget will require some adjustments in the budgets of both the Emeriti Association as well as the Retirees' Association. The net effect appears to be that we will have more leeway in our budget than previously anticipated.

Events: Picnic Day: Open house and participation in parade

Steak Bake: Space has been reserved in the Buehler Alumni House for a Steak Bake event Saturday, June 9th 2007. Details remain to be worked out.

Fall Wine Festival: this event is under discussion. No decisions have yet been made.

- IV. **Retiree Center Advisory Board will meet Friday Oct 10th.** John Yates will report on the status of planning for the Hotel Conference Center, to be located north of Mondavi Center. This center, when complete, we hope will be the home of the Retiree Center.
- V. **Awards Committee:** Charley Hess reported that a letter has been sent by the Chancellor to the first UC Davis recipient of the Edward A Dickson Emeritus Professorship. This award has been mostly dormant since its inception in 1951, with UC Irvine the only campus that has made awards in the past. Charley was able to persuade Vice Provost Barbara Horwitz earlier this year to allow the Emeriti Association to take responsibility for issuing calls for proposals, with the understanding that preference will be given to those proposals that appear to benefit the campus. Two proposals were submitted and the Committee unanimously recommended Dick Walters as the first recipient, which was confirmed by the Vice Provost. Dick explained that his proposal will support his efforts to put on a series of workshops for faculty on Teaching, Learning, and Technology during the Winter and

Spring quarters 2007. He will also prepare a packet of materials to be passed on to allow the series to be offered by others after the end of this academic year. Dick had offered similar workshops in the past to approximately 160 faculty, lecturers, and other instructors on the campus, but this year will be his last, though he may assist others in the initial offerings of the series during a transitional period. Charley also announced that the information for this year's Panunzio award have been received, with a deadline of November 17 for submission of names to be considered for the coming year. He and Dick Walters will contact deans of the colleges of Agriculture, Humanities and Letters and Science to remind them of this opportunity. It is also highly possible that Alex's name will be resubmitted for the 2007 nomination from Davis. The Awards and Recognition Committee is also considering a campus award open to individuals from all departments, not just those in humanities and social science which are eligible for the Panunzio award.

- VI. **Coordination with Academic Senate:** Dick Walters met in September with Linda Bisson, the new Chair of the Academic Senate. They plan to coordinate their activities more closely during the coming year. Dick and Alan Jackman, chair of the Senate Emeriti Committee, are the two individuals with liaison responsibilities with the Senate. At Linda Bisson's invitation, both attended an orientation for new Senate committee chairs held in late September.
- VII. **Abundant Harvest:** Dick has thus far distributed eight copies of the book: seven to executive committee members and one to the Davis branch of the Yolo County Library. He has committed to give two copies to the Woodland library and is awaiting information from the Associate County Librarian regarding possible donations to other branch libraries. With approximately 4,000 copies available, we have an opportunity to provide wider visibility for this book. Suggestions for its distribution included providing it as a gift to recipients of various awards, sending copies to UC Regents and the UC lobbyist, Davis school libraries, Yolo Board of Supervisor members, and Lois Wolk. Dick will follow up on these opportunities and invites suggestions from committee members.
- VIII. **Memberships – Status and Updates:** New and continuing membership forms continue to come in to the Retiree Center office, though the preponderance to date has been primarily continuing members. To date, 107 annual memberships have been processed and 5 new life memberships received, giving a total of 150 life members.
- IX. **Membership Lists:** Slow progress is being made on obtaining reliable information on names and addresses of current emeriti, newly retired emeriti, and deaths. Doreen recently obtained a list from another campus available in Microsoft Access format, with provision to generate automatically mailing labels from the list. She has been instructed on how to accomplish this task, and she will work with Dick and others to adapt this approach to a comparable list for our association.

- X. **Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Nash reported that our financial status is very good, perhaps a source of concern, given the new information that expenditures formerly covered by the Association will now be paid for by the Retiree Center. He expressed the hope that we will find ways to help him reduce the large amount we have in our various accounts. The Committee will consider options for this opportunity. Charley Hess suggested that the Awards and Recognition Committee in the development of a UC Davis distinguished emeriti award may request funds for a prize or other appropriate recognition.
- XI. **By-Laws Task Force:** Charlie Nash reported that the revision of By-laws requires approval by the entire membership, which means that no action is likely to be taken prior to the Spring general meeting. For this reason, the Task Force is not rushing to generate the wording required to make our by-laws consistent with our current practice of differentiating paid members from other emeriti who have not paid annual or lifetime memberships.
- XII. **Video Committee:** Verne Mendel reported that 294 interviews have thus far been completed, with one more scheduled later this week. Jim DeVay noted that he is encountering difficulties getting people to sign up for interviews. Verne stated that one major strength of the current interviews is having Bob Leighton provide the audio introductions for the interviews. Bob's voice is outstanding for this function. Discussion followed regarding possibly reinstating announcement in the newspaper of the names of emeriti whose interviews will be aired on Davis Community Network. Verne said that changes in staff at DCN has caused problems, and he is attempting to work on this problem.
- XIII. **EmeriTimes:** An updated Committee Membership list was distributed to attendees to replace the one published in the Fall 06 EmeriTimes. Discussion regarding the need for an editor ensued, and it was agreed that identifying someone to serve as editor would be advisable. No specific names were suggested. Alex McCalla had previously stated that if the Committee was not able to come forth with a name he would look into it (on his return to Davis around the end of the month).
- XIV. **Other Business:** Charley Hess indicated that we need to have some liaison between Faculty Welfare and the Committee. Alan Jackman said that he has worked with them in the past and agreed to provide liaison.
- XV. Doreen indicated that she would very much welcome expert assistance in two areas: website maintenance, and use of Microsoft Access. We will put out a call to members to see if there are people willing to help Doreen in these areas.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 PM.