

UCDEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 8, 2007

1:00 PM

Hagan Room, I-House

Minutes

Members Present: Costantini, Hess, Jackman, McCalla, Nash, Rains, Strnad, Walters, Wydick

Announcements: Dick Walters announced that Connie Bowe emailed to say that she would not be able to continue membership since her travel plans keep her away a great deal and occur at unpredictable times. It was agreed that Alex would contact Hibbard Williams, who proposed Connie, to see if he had other recommendations.

Emeriti Involvement in History: Dick Walters showed an autobiography that he wrote for family during the past year, a copy of which has been given to John Skarstad for inclusion in the campus historical archives along with videotaped interviews of emeriti and other items. Discussion followed about encouraging others to consider similar efforts. This topic was discussed in more general terms during review of the Centennial project (see below).

Minutes were approved as distributed.

Retiree Center Coordinator's Report: Doreen reported that the furniture is complete for room 168.

The Budget has been reorganized and was presented for discussion to the Retiree Center Advisory Board Feb. 16. The proposed budget does not include provisions for a Chancellor's Garden Reception, although that might be folded into a fall wine festival. Activities included were Picnic Day (April 14), Advisory Committee Recognition Lunch (May 24) and the Steak bake (June 9). The budget is nearing final form at this time.

The TriO Scholars Mentorship Program plans an initial social get together April 10 with students and mentors. To date, there are 14 students and 10 mentors, with two other mentors having expressed interest.

Picnic Day: Open House and Parade. Plans for the Parade include using a convertible in which Charley Hess, Bob Halferty and Dick Walters will ride (perhaps one other representative depending on who drives. The Open House will be partnered with OLLI (Dennis Pendleton) and with the Center for Companion Animals. Plans will include provision for refreshments outside Everson and exhibits in rooms 166 and 168. Since Picnic Day rules allow only student groups to sell items for money that day, Doreen will contact the appropriate student representatives to see if they wish to sell copies of *Abundant Harvest* during the Picnic Day celebration.

Advisory Committee Thank You Luncheon (May 24): This will be held at the Chancellor's home. He and the Provost will attend.

The Steak Bake will be held June 9 at the Rec Pool Lodge, with barbecuing to be done by EA and RA volunteers.

Position announcement for the AA III position has been posted. It closes March 12, with interviews to be scheduled March 27-28.

Doreen will start spending a day a month at UCDHS after the AAIII has started to work.

Cost of updating the Retiree Association Web site approved by Retiree Center Advisory Committee up to \$2800.

Retiree Center Advisory Committee: Charley Hess reported that John Yates informed him that ground preparation for the new Hotel/Conference Center site near the Mondavi Center has begun, and that official Ground Breaking is scheduled for December of this year. The Retiree Center will definitely have space in that complex.

Charley also noted that UC Berkeley includes the Chair of the Academic Senate Emeriti Committee serves ex officio on the Retiree Center Advisory Board, and asked if we felt it was appropriate to do the same. After discussion it was concluded that there was no need, since that chair already serves on the Executive Committee of UCDEA.

Centennial Planning: Alex McCalla reported on a very productive meeting with Ann Scheuring, author of *Abundant Harvest* to discuss possible historical projects to be undertaken in conjunction with Centennial planning. Ann had several suggestions of projects that might be of value. She noted that a revision of her book did not make sense, but that a companion volume, perhaps a pictorial history (as had been originally planned) might be appropriate, with especial emphasis on the last ten years. Alternatively, a second volume that was half pictorial and half "vignettes" might work. A third suggestion was an anthology by campus authors with emphasis on the last ten years. A fourth Possibility discussed involved a pictorial book which had three foci, first ten years, the UC Centennial period –circa 1968, and the last ten years. Alex feels, based on his conversation with her, that a "brainstorming session" would be appropriate, and asked for names of people willing to participate. Dick Walters and Charlie Nash agreed to participate. Alex felt that it was appropriate to place more focus on the growth of the Med Center in Sacramento, which has become an operation approaching in size that of the campus. There have been major changes in many Colleges and Schools in the last ten years – Med School relocation to Sacramento; ups and down of the School of Veterinary Medicine; mid-career program in Graduate School of Management; creation of the College of Biology; and formation of the Graduate School of Education.

Awards and Recognition Committee: The Committee will meet Friday March 9 at 11:00 and consider drafting wording for putting out a call for the coming year's Dickson Award and possible creation of a new UCD Emeriti award.

Membership List Updates: Dick Walters reported briefly on the ongoing saga of attempting to get reliable, consistent data regarding new retirees, deaths, spouses, etc. Sharie Sprague provided us with an update of the UCOP data. She also printed out two short lists – one with names no longer on the UCOP database which were there in the October listing; the second a list of new names. After studying these files, Dick generated a number of questions regarding how the data were generated, why certain names were deleted, and other matters requiring clarification. These issues remain to be resolved, but Sharie is working on them. Dick also indicated that he was interested in finding out more about the process of designating certain individuals not members of the Academic Senate to be emeriti. He is exploring that issue and will report at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Nash reported that the balance in the Bank America Emeriti Account #07038-15758 stands as of March 8, 2007 at \$16,006.03, up from \$15,555.46 on Feb. 7, 2007. There are currently 113 paid Annual memberships and 156 Life Memberships.

Other Business: None. There were no Committee reports, but several groups, e.g., the By-Laws review task force are active and will report soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Walters, President
