

# UCDEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 10, 2007 – 1:00 PM

Hagan Room, I-House

## Minutes

**Members Present:** Ahl, Costantini, Goss, Halferty, Hess, Jackman, Lacy, McCalla, Mendel, Rains, Strnad, Walters, Wydick

**Announcements:** Dick Walters announced that invitations to attend the Executive Committee meeting had been sent to all Committee chairs who are voting members of the Executive Committee, according to our By-Laws. Dick Walters also reported that he had received several postcards returned to the Retiree's Association requesting information about that group. The cards passed on to him were either widows of emeriti or themselves emeriti. After discussion, the Committee approved naming Gloria August, Shirley Black, Jean Fridley and Velma Matthews as associate members of the Emeriti Association. Dick will inform Dorothy Foytik that she is already an associate member, and an information packet will be send to Fred Lorenz, Professor emeritus.

**Minutes** were approved as distributed.

### Retiree Center Coordinator's Report:

#### PROJECTS

##### *Database(s)*

- 1). Doreen has a meeting with Bill Brooks to discuss "capturing" retiree data before it leaves campus
- 2). Use the same database as Development?
- 3). Doreen has met with Gina Anderson, Academic Senate and reports that collaboration is under consideration
- 4). Marjorie & Doreen will work over the summer to set up a database which will list all retirees, from which we can pull reports, mailing lists, etc.

##### *Budget*

- 1). Two sub-accounts: one for each association plus one for the Center itself
- 2). Meeting with Carmen/accounting later today
- 3). Marjorie will design RA site; saving \$2800 proposed cost of hiring someone special for this task

##### *TriO Scholars Mentorship Program :*

- 1). May 24<sup>th</sup>: TriO Scholars end-of-year celebration
- 2). Contacting mentors to get their feedback

##### *Events:*

- 1). Picnic Day Open House & Parade: went well despite the downpour; signage on car held up well; collaborations were successful (OLLI, Center for Animals in

Society, Yolo county DA); Chancellor & his wife attended Open House; will set up special photo section on web site

- 2). E-Vite sent out for Thank you luncheon honoring Advisory Committee et al on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Provost will not attend; have invited Barbara Horwitz; about 19 affirmatives so far out of 42 (5 no's)
- 3). Steak Bake on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2007; "Taste Test" yesterday; \$45 per person; limit guests to 100 people; have about 35 yes's so far; RSVP's due May 25<sup>th</sup>; cut back on live music to 2 hours due to cost; have CD's playing during cocktail hour & dinner hour; Horwitz & her husband will be attending as our guests

*Postcard:*

- 1). Response rate (as of May 10<sup>th</sup>): 8.7% for Retirees (up from 3%); 13% for Emeriti (up from 3.5%)
- 2). A follow-up letter will be sent to those 65 emeriti who requested additional info on EA The letter will include the Emeritus handbook, 2007-08 membership form and Spring '07 EmeriTimes)

*Misc.*

- 1). Administrative Assistant III – Marjorie Ahl started May 1. Will take care of general office management, accounting, technology (i.e., database, web site, desktop publishing) Marjorie has experience with volunteers & event planning
- 2). UCDHS – Doreen will begin monthly office hours in Sacramento starting June 26<sup>th</sup>
- 3). Updated Video History Project list for John Goss
- 4). Periodically send out DVD's to interviewees
- 5). Retirees' Association spring newsletter mailed on April 19th
- 6). *EmeriTimes* Spring issue: out on Web, hard copy being printed @ ReproGraphics; sent to list-serve tomorrow/Friday May 11th
- 7). Web site: added link to campus map on Center home page; also added "From Concept to Reality" to reports section; added name of speaker to EA home page, updated meeting list & minutes; will update the handbook online and the Video History Project
- 8). Sent out packet of info to Montclair State University per their request

**Retiree's Association Report:** Bob Halferty reported that they held their May meeting Monday May 7 at ARC Ballroom. John Meyer reported on campus updates. Bob and Dick together presented a gift of appreciation (a clock suitably inscribed) to Virginia Hinshaw for her active support of retirees during her tenure as Provost. The Association voted to extend Bob's and Gary Schultz's tenure as president and first vice president, respectively, for a second year, bringing their term of office into conformity with the Emeriti officers' terms of service. Yvonne Marsh will serve as second vice president and program chair. She and Bill Rains will coordinate their programs.

**Centennial Report:** Alex McCalla reported that the Brainstorming session to discuss the Centennial was held April 25<sup>th</sup> with Bob Segar and Laurie Lewis from Provost's office, joined by Alex McCalla, Verne Mendel, Charlie Nash, Ann Schuering (Author of

*Abundant Harvest*), Carol Wall and Dick Walters. It was agreed that emphasis should be on the last ten years, since so much has happened during that time. This might serve as a companion to *Abundant Harvest*, but it is inappropriate to try to update that volume. Ann Scheuring favored a photo history emphasis, but Alex and others felt that there is a real need to document some of the important events that have taken place on the campus in several schools and colleges, sports, etc. Bob and Laurie are particularly interested in getting material from the video collection. A discussion ensued as to what might be done, with several suggestions, nothing definite. Alex reported that Joe Tupin is definitely interested in helping and might contribute something especially dealing with changes in the School of Medicine, and that funding might be obtained from that school to support the effort.

**General Meeting May 24<sup>th</sup>** Charley indicated that this meeting should include reports from Doreen and the two association presidents, a vote on the By-Law changes distributed in the Spring *EmeriTimes*, vote to approve Executive Committee membership nominations, including extension of Alex and Dick Wydick in their positions as Vice President and Member at large (2<sup>nd</sup> year) respectively. Ed Costantini reported that the Committee on Committees will meet Monday May 14 and develop a slate of nominees for the Executive Committee positions. The meeting should also include a report from the various committees as appropriate (especially Video Records), and Alex should report on the Centennial planning.

**Committee on Committees:** Ed Costantini discussed, in addition to the Executive Committee nominations mentioned in the previous paragraph, the need to consider some other committee appointments. Specifically, Lee Baldwin has asked to be relieved of his position as Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee, and re-appointment of an *Emeritimes* Committee. It was noted that, at present, the Membership function is carried out by the Committee on Committees, and won't be a separate group unless/until the membership approves the proposed By-Laws changes at the May 24 meeting. Appointments of committee memberships and chairs, other than the Executive Committee, do not need to be rushed. Several names were suggested as possible candidates for various positions.

**Membership List Updates:** Progress is being made. We are working with CUCEA statewide to put pressure on the Office of the President to provide more information on a regular basis. Doreen will meet with Bill Brooks, Benefits, to attempt to get a little more information on new retirees. This work is continuing, with a major boost from Marjorie Ahl in her new position.

**Program Committee:** Bill Rains distributed a list of speakers for the coming year. Speakers will be:

Sept 13: Eric Loewy: *Ethics of Medical Care Programs*

Oct 11: Carl Winter: *Are Organic Foods Healthier?*

Nov 8: Melissa Bain: *Behavior and Use of Companion Animals*

Dec 13: Madrigal Singers

Jan 10: Kern Holoman: *Impact of Mondavi Center on UCD Music Program*

Discussion as to reimbursement of the Madrigal singers resulted in the Committee voting to approve paying for their lunches plus a donation of \$200, with the understanding that this is not to be considered a precedent. Committee members were invited to join the UCDEA president in making a private donation to this group.

**Video Committee:** John Goss reported that as of May 1, 313 interviews have been conducted. He distributed a list of about 975 emeriti, naming those who had been interviewed and noting those who were deceased, but not those who retired in 2006 (Dick Walters will provide that list after the meeting: approximately 17 people). This list is updated annually based on information received from the Chancellor. There have been some problems scheduling people, owing partly to reluctance for various reasons to be interviewed. Alex McCalla indicated that gentle persuasion had proven successful with several previously recalcitrant individuals, and that more gentle pressure was needed.

Verne Mendel reported that there were about 21 interviews completed in the 2006-07 year, a decrease from former years, and that at present there is quite a bit of unscheduled time available for interviews. Discussion followed regarding ways to encourage more to agree to be interviewed. Verne also noted that problems with faulty microphones has been fixed by buying new ones, and that improvement in the audio signal process will depend in addition on other new equipment being researched at this time, relating especially to conversion to digital format. They are purchasing new equipment to improve the quality of the videos.

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Nash submitted an interim report as follows:

Finances:

Bank of America Checking acct as of 5/7/07:	\$15,905.56
Endowment fund market value as of 3/31/07:	\$19,370.67

Membership:

Annual 2006-07:	120
2007-08:	39 to date,
Life:	157

The report indicates that the increase in Annual dues paying members from last month's 112 is slightly illusory in that special offers to those paying late dues allowed them to pay one year's fee for both 06-07 and 07-08. There was one new life member as of May 7 (at least one more has sent in payment since then).

A more complete report will be provided at the General Meeting May 24.

**Other Business:** None to speak of...

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Walters, President