

Minutes of the UCDEA Executive Committee

October 9, 2008

S&H 2102

Present: McCalla (Chair), Webster, McGuinness, Walters, Hays, Rains, Rost, Gall, Hess, Goldman, Lacy, Goss, Ahl.

1. Announcements: funding for retiree parking has not yet been approved.
2. Minutes of Sept. 9 were approved with corrections.
3. Retiree Center report--Ahl. The Center is understaffed, although it now has student help. Friday the 10th there will be a Retirees' Oktoberfest and beer tasting at the Silo Pub, the tasting conducted by Professor Charles Bamforth; the weekend's tennis festival has been reduced to Saturday and Sunday, the 11th and 12th; the fall general meeting has been set for October 20 at ARC with Jim Sochor as speaker; and the Center will host a tailgate party before the Causeway Classic on November 8.
4. Retiree Advisory Committee—McCalla. The job description and level for the Center's coordinator has been revised and will be posted for applicants in November.
5. Retirees' Assoc. report—McCalla for Schultz. The Retiree's Assoc. would want other issues than senior housing discussed at a general meeting, perhaps including health and fitness.
6. Senate Exec. Committee report—Rost. No business yet.
7. Membership update—Walters. The decrease in annual members and increase of life members occurred largely through the former becoming the latter. Efforts continue to identify and recruit new members.
8. Financial report—Goldman. She explained what was in the endowment (last month's question) and the limitations upon it. McCalla asked her to explore options for its use and both its and UCDEA's tax status. The financial report was accepted.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Speakers—Rains. November's lunch meeting will feature a speaker on global warming; a new speaker for December will need to be scheduled.
 - b. Awards—McCalla for Swinehart. Our recommendation for the Dickson Award has gone to the Provost.
 - c. Committee on Committees—McCalla for Costantini. They agree to the nomination of Charley Hess as at-large representative to the Retiree Center; the Executive Committee concurred.
 - d. Video—Goss. Verne Mendel has disks 15 and 16 done. Progress is slow because the machine transferring the tapes stops wherever there's a glitch, and Verne must edit out the errors frame by frame. Eleven disks have been delivered to Bob Segar for public viewing on the Centennial site and then to be shared with Davis Community Television. It was hoped that Verne's student assistant could do more of the transferring, and members of the Board asked Goss to investigate commercial transcription.
10. Other Business
 - a. The Board will meet monthly in 2102 SS&H.
 - b. Ahl asked about a better Emeriti Assoc. brochure. McGuinness and Walters will help her with the design. Printing will be in-house.

- c. *Abundant Harvest*—over 4000 copies remain. The Bookstore sells copies, but the Emeriti Association receives none of the profit. There were suggestions that the Alumni Assoc. might distribute copies to donors or that Development officers be given copies for potential donors. Perhaps the Bookstore should hold a Centennial sale at somewhat reduced prices. Gall and Walters will work together with Ahl and with the Bookstore.
- d. The Retirees' Assoc. wants a place to store archival material; Walters has retrieved some from Charley Nash's widow. The Committee on Committees will be asked to nominate an archivist, who will be tasked with determining the amount of material that exists. McCalla will write past officers asking if they hold any such material. Ultimately archives will be stored in the new Retirees' Center.
- e. Members have been asked about the impact of the financial crisis on their retirement funds. The Board is not in a position to offer financial advice. McCalla will talk to Bill Brooks to find out what the university is doing and what information is available.

Respectfully submitted,

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