

Minutes of the UCDEA Executive Committee
November 12, 2009, at I House

Present: McCalla (chair), Hess, Mendel, Boorkman, Webster, Hays, Lacy, Breidenbach, Goss, Costantini, Harrison, McGuinness, Sallee, Rost, Marsh, and Barnes

1. Minutes of the Oct. 8th meeting were accepted as presented.
2. Retirees' Center (Barnes)—good attendance at the Tennis Day and Tailgate party, with many questions coming in with regard to open enrollment, most referred to Guerren Solbach.
3. Retirees' Advisory Committee (McCalla)—still asking for suitable space from the administration.
4. CUCEA (Hess)—report on post-employment benefits task force due soon. Some retirees (or their survivors) from decades ago are receiving very low level benefits. Individual Emeriti/Retiree Associations should consider options for help if these individuals fall below certain income levels. On the Open Enrollment website there was a statement, needing members' acceptance, about possible curtailment of health benefits. That statement has been removed from active faculty and may have already been from the retirees'/emeriti website.
5. Retirees' Assoc. (Marsh)—Yvonne thanked Marjorie and Sue for their help at the UCOP listening sessions. Chancellor Katehi will not be able to attend the February general meeting; the topic there will be on health care benefits.
6. Archivist (Boorkman)—there are good records, but some gaps. She proposed 8 guidelines, to which there were no objections, although some clarification as to the length that financial documents will be kept, and the committee approved \$200 to purchase archive-housing material. Committee members should review the Emeriti Association website before the next meeting to see if they approve of its content.
7. Videos (Goss & Breidenbach)—hope to finish final videos soon, along with redoing ones that need editing. Once done, the size of the project will determine how it can be stored and what sort of maintenance will be needed. Technical support in Mrak Hall need to be told that the videos are an official university project.
8. The financial report was accepted without discussion
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership (McCalla)—the Board considered the proposal to extend life membership to annual members of ten-years' standing. Goss asked how this would affect the endowment fund, which is based on lifetime members' contributions; if it were to happen, should some annual fees be switched to the endowment. The issue was tabled until the next meeting for more information.
 - b. Committee on Committees (Costantini)—no present action, but McCalla said there should be a search for a new chair for next year.

- c. Awards (McCalla)—calls for the Panunzio Award presumably went out from the Provost, but there was only one response. Where did it get circulated?
 - d. Emeriti Welfare (Webster)—there was one message from Gueren Solbach. Rost raised the continuing problem of emeriti who receive grants they cannot use if not active, and chairs who refuse to rehire them or grant space. There is an outdated book on Emeriti benefits that needs to be updated and put on the website.
 - e. Editorial (Mc Guinness)—the joint publication with the Retirees' Association went well. The second edition is underway.
 - f. Program (Rost)—today's speaker is Alan Taylor, whose subject will be the global economy. December 9th, a Wednesday, the Madrigals will perform; reservations are necessary. The general meeting in February at UCDCMC will be on the moral obligation to provide healthcare.
10. Continuing Business (Barnes)—the listening sessions were poorly managed, in that the Retirees' Center was asked to come aboard late and the rooms were too small; those who attended or could listen on their computers appreciated the information.
11. New Business
- a. The Board approved \$150 for food costs for the wine tasting.
 - b. The 2007-2009 bio-annual bio bibs will soon be distributed. Emeriti (and retirees) need to participate in filling the forms out and returning them to show that we still contribute to the university. Sue will send them to every emeriti for whom there's an email address, whether they are members of the Association or not.

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully submitted,

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