

Minutes
2011 UCDEA Executive Committee meeting
May 12, at I-House

Present: Rains (Chair), Hess, Smiley, Harrison, Reitan, Rost, Breidenbach, McCalla,
Jackman, Walters, Boorkman, Lacy, Hays, Sallee.

1. Announcements:
 - a. The annual business meeting is next Thursday, May 19.
 - b. Merna Villajero, who has resigned due to a family emergency, will have to be replaced as member-at-large.
2. Minutes accepted with corrections to the financial report.
3. New Business
 - a. d. (Rains moved up discussion Emeriti Welfare so that Hess could give the report and then attend an interview for the new Vice-Chancellor for Development.) At a statewide meeting of CUCEA and CUCRA, attendees heard for the first time about Extend Health, a for-profit firm to which the University wants to turn over management of retiree health care. There is no contract yet, and many questions remain to be answered, including whether there will be significant savings, how responsive they will be to members, and how they will deal with Kaiser, who does not want to deal with them. Hess has involved both campus and statewide Faculty Welfare committees into the discussion.
4. Retiree Center (Barnes)
 - a. The Center is now at the Conference Center and had a good opening with visitors; there are, however, some lingering computer problems. Older Americans Month events begin on the 13th at the Silo. Reservations are still open for the Steak Bake, Angel Island, and Billy Elliot, although if there are not more reservations for the last, the Retiree Center will cancel its trip and move those who want to go to another group. Barnes requested one more volunteer for the New Retirees' reception and got one. Atria/Covell Gardens has asked the Retiree Center to co-sponsor events; it would provide catering in return for publicity. The legality will have to be determined, and we would want no more than one or two such co-sponsored events. Discussion was held as to whether the fall general meeting should be held at the ARC or the Conference Center. The committee decided to use the Conference Center. Lifetime memberships to UCDEA was discussed as a gift that departments could give retiring faculty. The 5th anniversary of the Retiree Center is drawing nigh.
5. Retiree Center advisory Committee (Rains)
 - a. Extend Health was discussed at the meeting and Picnic Day participation was reviewed. Since UCDEA and UCDDA are not official UC organizations, they do are not covered by University liability insurance. There is an effort underway to obtain such status statewide, spearheaded by UCLA, although such official status might compromise our independence.
6. Retirees' Association Report (Rains)
 - a. UCDDA is looking forward to their spring general meeting, election, and speaker. They will share with UCDEA the cost of improving the Retiree Center.

7. Officers' Reports
 - a. Senate Exec. Committee Liaison (Reitan)—He has taken over the activities of the UCDMC emeriti group and will get the names of retirees in June. He is also looking into Extend Health.
 - b. Archivist (Boorkman)—The Dutton interviews are on audio tapes in the Library's Special Collections. She will investigate what other tapes may be there.
 - c. Financial Report (Sallee)—accepted as presented.
8. 9. Committees
 - a. Membership (Walters)—report accepted as presented. Rains said there is a desire at the other campuses to increase membership.
 - b. Awards (Harrison)—the applications for the Dickson Award are due June 30.
 - c. Committee on Committees (Smiley/ Jackman)—A program chair has been found: Winfred Schleiner. And they will now look for a replacement for Villajero.
 - d. Above.
 - e. Editorial—no report
 - f. Program (Rost)—Today's speaker is Pam Ronald on organic farming; next Thursday's speaker is Ron Tjeerdsma on the BP Gulf of Mexico oil spill.
 - g. University and Public Relations (Lacy)—no report, but the committee will have to decide how to act in the future. Rains also assigned them the task of determining our exact relation to the university now that we are housed under Development.
 - h. Video (Breidenbach/ McCalla)—McCalla said that in a meeting with deans and department chairs they were encouraged to ask their faculty to be interviewed. Kinks are coming out of the system with regard to scheduling and production. Breidenbach said that they were looking for better cameras on ebay and possibly a new computer. Rains asked what Chancellor Katehi's response has been to the Centennial disks; Breidenbach said she found those she had found time to watch interesting. Barnes suggested that a set be given to Provost Hexter.
9. 10. Continuing Business—
 - a. Rains has formed a committee to look into an Emeriti College.
10. 11. New Business
 - a. Rains discussed UC advocacy in the state's budget debate. UC Riverside printed postcards and asked emeriti to mail them to their legislators. Barnes will meet with Marj Dickinson to see what's legally allowed. Hays said that UC organizations cannot lobby, but McCalla said that we get no direct UC money.
 - b. Annual reports are due June 15.
 - c. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 for official photos.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Hays