Draft Minutes of UCDEA Executive Committee Meeting, Sept. 13, at the Conference Center

Present: Lofland (acting chair), Lacy, Dobris, Walters, Hays, Hess, Breidenbach, McGuinness, Harrison, Sallee, Smiley, Boorkman, Barnes

1. The minutes of the May10 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Retiree Center Report (Barnes)— reported the move to the Alumni Center and said she is very pleased with the new location. There will be an open house on Oct. 4, 11:30-1, followed by an education workshop at 1:00. Barnes also reported the success of the new retirees’ events, with 250 attendees at the New Retirees’ Reception and 140 at the New Retirees’ Event Day. The Safari West trip was successful, and the Castella di Amorosa should be so also. The trip to San Francisco for Beach Blanket Babylon, Dec. 5, is full, and the annual holiday luncheon, with the Madrigal Singers, will be Dec. 12 at the Alumni Center. A Feb. 21st trip to Lawrence Berkeley Lab is possible for the boards only.
3. Retirees’ Association will meet this afternoon. Their meetings will occur in the afternoons of UCDEA meeting in hopes of enlarging audiences at the noon lunch talks.
4. Academic Senate Liaison/ Emeriti Welfare (Hess)—He wrote to Robert May, UCD’s representative and chair of the Health Care Task Force, a subcommittee of statewide Faculty Welfare, to meet with us to discuss possible curtailment of future health costs. Mike Baptista, a staff person from statewide Human Resources will give a report on the task force; they are looking at not just future hires but also current employees and retirees.
5. Financial Report (Sallee)— accepted as distributed.
6. Archives (Boorkman)— She and Marjorie Ahl are keeping documents for the last 5 years. Boorkman has set up guidelines, including saving only final reports and not working documents.
7. Committee reports.
   a. Membership (Walters)— numbers are being updated with current new retirees.
   b. Awards and Recognition (Harrison)— The committee made recommendations for four recipients of the Dickson Award. The Board confirmed those nominated. The call for distinguished alumnus/a will be made shortly.
   c. Committee on Committees (Smiley)—no report.
   d. Editorial (McGuinness)— She is working on Vol.8 of Campus Connections; it will go to Marjorie next week and is due out on Oct. 19.
   e. Program (Barnes)—The new policy is that in months in which a general meeting occurs, there will be no executive committee meeting. Hence the board will not meet in November, January or May, but will hold a meeting in June. October’s noon talk will be at I-House; all others at the AGR Room of the Alumni Center.
   f. University and Public Relations (Lacy)— The committee is scheduled to meet Oct. 11.
   g. Video (Breidenbach)—15 interviews were done last year, and the committee hopes to do many more this year. The equipment is in place and working well.
8. Continuing Business
   a. Report on the 2020 Initiative (Hess)— Last June the Academic Recources Task Force approved a summary of its deliberations and a set of recommendations,
including supporting the general idea of growth. During the summer, Provost Hexter and his staff, including Ken Burris and Karl Mohr, combined the three task force reports, those of Academic Resources, Enrollment Management, and Facilities Planning. The Academic Resources Task Force will meet on Oct. 4 to see how their report fared in the blending of the three reports. All three Task Forces will meet Oct. 17 to exchange views on the combined report and approve it. Subject then to the approval of the chancellor, it will be shared with the campus community, perhaps in town hall meetings. At present the initiative no longer proposes to raise revenue; it is now revenue neutral, but will provide additional teaching facilities and more faculty members.

b. The Retirees’ Art Show is tentatively scheduled for March 2014. A planning committee will be convened in January 2013.

9. New Business

a. Steak Bake Survey (Barnes)—160 responded. Overall impression was to enlarge the menu and change the name. Some alternate social event seems called for. The Retiree Advisory Board, plus any volunteers will do the planning.

b. Proposed 2012-2013 Budget (Sallee)—moved and approved as submitted.

c. Retirees’ Consortium (Boorkman)—Other higher education retirement associations will meet at UC Davis on Oct. 17 to discuss shared goals and difficulties. Those mentioned by the Board include getting video histories done, getting people to events, starting up the Retiree Center, parking, and lack of institutional loyalty.

d. Barnes announced that the Sloan Foundation has granted UC Davis $100,000 to help faculty transition to retirement. The Retiree Center will work with Academic Affairs to develop programs with the grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17

Respectfully submitted,

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