Draft Minutes of UCDEA Executive Committee Meeting, Oct. 11, 2012, at I-House

Present: Vohs (chair), Breidenbach, Boorkman, Costantini, Dobris, Flocchini, Halferty, Hess, Lofland, McCalla, McGuinness, Sallee, Walters, Barnes

Chairman Vohs thanked Lyn Lofland for chairing the previous meeting.

The minutes of the Sept. 13 meeting were approved as distributed.

1. Retiree Center Report (Barnes) — reported a very successful Open House for the new offices, with 60+ attendees. Over 30 people attended the Consumer Fraud Workshop. The helpdesk by Fidelity was so successful that it will be repeated on October 16: Preserving your savings for future generations. The fall meeting of the Emeriti Association and the Retiree Association will be held on November 9, from 1:45 – 4:30 at the UC Conference Center and she asked for assistance. Sue announced her travel plans including her attendance on October 30-31 at the national AROHE meeting. The newsletter will be going out next week to approximately 7,500 retirees and emeriti.

2. Report from Academic Senate Liaison/Emeriti Welfare (Hess) — the group will meet on Nov. 8 with Robert May, the chair of the System-wide Health Task Force who also serves on the committee that deals with cost containment of medical costs.

3. Financial Report (Sallee) — accepted as distributed.

4. Committee Reports
   a) Membership (Walters) — accepted as distributed after clarification of “Associate.”
   b) Awards and Recognition (Barnes reported for Harrison) verifying details in agenda.
   c) Committee on Committees (Costantini) — nothing new to report.
   d) Editorial (McGuinness) — Campus Connections will be mailed as a four-page insert to the Retiree Center newsletter and is scheduled to reach mailboxes October 19.
   e) Program and Agenda (Flocchini) — announced forthcoming speakers: Randy Dahlgren (LAWR) was the speaker for 9/13.

5. University and Public Relations (Lacy) — provided a summary of the historical role of this subcommittee over the years and its role in promoting the goals of the UCDEA. In particular, he sees a significant role of the group to have the emeriti viewed as crucial to the campus institutional memory and as people who can make valuable contributions as mentors to new department chairs, new faculty and new students. Lew Grivetti is encouraging the last two efforts, in particular for students who have no family background with college and help them graduate in four years. Sue Barnes mentioned that there had been previous efforts along these lines. A longer discussion was held about these options and the role of this committee. Chairman Vohs mentioned that the revised charge to the committee is essentially to be in stand-by for requests from the Executive Committee or other standing committees.

6. Video (McCalla) — stated that the technology of the video committee is the best ever after last year’s purchases. The problem continues to be getting emeriti who are willing to be videotaped. Several suggestions for raising public awareness were made including putting a mention in the Campus Connections.

7. Continuing Business
   a) Reports on the 2020 Initiative:
1) Hess reported that his subgroup met on October 4 to finalize their part of the report before all three groups meet together on October 17 to approve a final Task Force report to the Chancellor. Five models are now under consideration, none of them the original model presented to UCDEA previously. The most likely candidate envisions 500 new in-state students and 4500 out-of-state or international students in eight years, a model that, at steady state, is estimated to generate $38M in additional revenue annually to the campus.

2) McCalla could not attend his subcommittee meeting, but he will be at the general meeting on Oct. 17.

3) Halferty reported that the Facilities Subcommittee was unwilling to make a choice among the five models as so much depends on the assumptions about the disciplines who will be involved or expanded. Money is, of course, the largest issue as the state can no longer be counted on even for maintenance funds. Bonds costing $1M/year for 30 years could generate $14.5M in borrowed money. In terms of maintenance costs, office space costs about $6/sq.ft/yr with laboratory space about double that.

1. After these reports were presented to the Committee, two major questions were raised:
2. What kind of campus do we want to be? This question appears to be especially relevant since the campus currently appears not to have an academic plan in place. Why will we be able to attract these extra 5000 students—especially the fee-paying ones

B) Lyn Lofland reported on the Campus Community Council (note correction of name) that Chancellor Katehi chairs. The group is both a forum and a way to tap into campus sentiment and has a membership of one or two members from each segment of the campus. She mentioned a system-wide Campus Climate Survey on the emotional experience of attending the various campuses with the survey expected to be done at UCD from mid-Nov. to mid-Dec.

C) The Provost announced that discussion with Deans and Vice-Chancellors was beginning on the question of appropriate actions of the campus regarding when to bring in police in case of future student protests and when to simply stand by. Currently police are brought in whenever student protests take place in classrooms, laboratories or offices.

D) Retiree Program Consortium (Boorkman, Barnes)—reported that on September 17 Sue Barnes had convened a group to discuss retiree emeriti issues from several northern California universities (CSUS, UCSF, UOP, Humboldt, Santa Clara, and Cosumnes. She reported that the biggest value was in bringing people together and discussing common problems (recruitment, in particular), but some specific ideas emerged: the CSUS association maintains an In Memoriam website; and Humboldt gives $500 awards to junior faculty.

8. New Business: The nomination of Neil Rutgers for membership in the UCDEA was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Sallee