

Minutes of the UCDEA Meeting, Dec. 12, 2012 at the Walter A. Buehler Alumni Center

Present: Vohs (Chair), Hess, Lacy, Walters, Halferty, Hays, Plant, McGuinness, Lofland, Flocchini, Rains, Harrison, Smiley, Sallee, Breidenbach, Costantini, Barnes, and guests VP Maureen Stanton, Binnie Singh, and Deanna Falge Pritchard

1. Guest Presentations

- A. Sloan Foundation Grant--(Stanton, Singh, Barnes)--They discussed a grant of \$100K intended to help faculty transition to retirement and still remain engaged with the university. The Retiree Center currently sponsors a series of five workshops for pre-retirees, one series for faculty, one for staff, which convey financial as well as non-financial retirement planning information. Spouses/partners are invited to the sessions on a space-available basis. It was suggested that panel discussion be held early in the series, followed by small group discussions. Retired faculty could do mentoring at all levels, undergrad, graduate, junior faculty; they could be more involved in volunteering than at present. One desideratum is office space for emeriti who do not have space in their departments. John Vohs suggested creating an advisory committee to work with Binnie Singh and/or Maureen Stanton on this grant. He will follow up on this.
- B. Emeriti College--(Falge and Costantini)—They discussed the draft proposal for an Emeriti College which is anticipated to be within the University structure. Its proposed goals and those of the Sloan Grant could complement one another and possibly lead to some start-up funds. Possibilities include offering classes through the OLLI program, a speaker's bureau, and perhaps certificate courses through University Extension, using emeriti talent. The committee decided to move forward to define the college's structure, the need for staffing, whether there is any overlap with existing programs, with a concern not to step on any existing toes. A task force will be formed that will include OLLI and UnEx. Lacy, Costantini, Breidenbach, Hays, and Falge-Pritchard volunteered. [Sue an earlier e-mail you sent to me listed Lofland, and Plant as volunteering too. This fits my recollection as well.]

2. Announcements—none.

3. Minutes—accepted as distributed.

4. Retiree Center

- A. Barnes is working on the *Center News* newsletter. McGuinness is working with her co-editor on *Campus Connections*. Forthcoming events include the joint UCDEA/UCDRA winter meeting, Feb. 14, the Mondavi Tour Feb. 27, and the Crocker Museum day trip March 20.
- B. Vohs urged all present to complete the bio-bibliographical emeriti survey. This is a system-wide survey that has served as a valuable source of information to advocate for continued emeriti benefits.

5. Archivist—no report.

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

7. Committee Reports

- a. Membership (Walters)—members as listed on the financial report. Walters continues to urge annual members to renew.
 - i. The committee approved UCDEA membership for D'Ann Finley.
 - ii. The committee moved to send to the chancellor a recommendation for emeritus status for Tom Dutton and Bob Chason.
- b. Awards (Harrison)—The committee nominated Eldridge Moores as Distinguished Emeritus Professor, which the Exec. Committee unanimously approved. The Nomination for the Panunzio Award will be done shortly by email ballot.
- c. Committee on Committees (Smiley)—no report.
- d. Editorial (McGuinness)—The newsletter will be mailed and emailed in mid-January.
- e. Program (Flocchini)—Sandy Filby and he have assembled the year's speakers:

Jan - Prof. Bruce Winterhalder and Prof. Martha Macri - What caused the Mayan culture to die and how do we know?

Feb - Professor and former Astronaut - Stephen Robinson - What is the future of U.S. space exploration?

March - Dr. Deborah Ward - topic TBA related to what nurses actually do in medicine now - and their education - particularly in relationship to elder medicine .

April - Prof. Halifu Osamare - The influence and impact of " hip-hop dance" on culture .

May- Chris Reynolds -Second-Hand Rock Songs: Thoughts on Limitations of Originality."

8. University and Public Relations (Lacy)—continuing to explore ideas suggested in the committee draft proposal.
9. Senate and Campus Involvement.
 - a. Emeriti Welfare (Hess)—The Senate and Retiree Welfare Committees discussed proposed changes to UC's health benefits. The university will open bidding on health contracts for the coming year and hopes to reduce the number of plans offered; it will, however, create a Medicare exchange under the Affordable Health Care Act for those out of state to purchase insurance. The university wants to increase the use of its medical centers and may, in the future, require those with medical coverage to use a UC Med Center provider. This prospect provoked much criticism from Exec. Com. members. Faculty Welfare is also pushing to have UCOP continue to pay the health-care facilitators, rather than shifting the burden to individual campuses. The Executive Committee moves, seconded and approved a motion to endorse the activities of the Emeriti Welfare Committee to convince UC Office of the President to continue funding the Health Care Facilitator Program.
 - b. 2020 Initiative
 - i. Halferty said that the Facilities Task Force passed on the joint report, neither approving nor disapproving it.
 - ii. Hess said that the Academic Resources Task Force found out from Karl Mohr that the administration no longer planned a town hall meeting to discuss the joint report of the three task forces, but rather focused meetings with individual departments and groups. Council members raised a number of questions about the content and direction of this project. It was concluded that more time was needed to discuss this matter and that it would be best to call a special ExCom meeting solely for this purpose. Ken Burtis and Karl Mohr, who are staffing this overall project, will be asked to attend.
 - c. Campus Community Council (Lofland)—For its past two meetings, the group has focused on how to deal with future demonstrations and protests. The Council is acting as a sounding board on this. The administration is considering and evaluating the effectiveness of various enforcement options, including Student Judicial Affairs.
 - d. Post-Incident Review Committee (Vohs)—The group has been established by the Chancellor to review the remedies and corrective actions that have been taken in response to the four reviews generated by different agencies over the November pepper-spraying incident. The group has met only once thus far.
 - e. New Business: CUCRA/CUCEA report (Rains)—There are continued concerns about health benefits and the continued employment of the health-care facilitators.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 so that members could listen to the Davis High School Madrigal singers.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Hays