Minutes of the meeting of the UCDEA Executive Committee, Jan. 10, 2013 at the Buehler Alumni Center

Present: Vohs (Chair), Boorkman, Hess, Raines, Flocchini, Sallee, Lacy, Alex and Phyllis McCalla, Jackman, Hays, Smiley, Walters, Dobris, McGuinness, Plant, Barnes—and initially Karl Mohr and Ken Burtis, as well as member of the UCDRA Executive Committee.

Special Meeting began at 9:10 for an extended discussion of a campus planning document that was released on November 1, 2012: "Joint Report of the 2020 Task Forces. The meeting was attended by two representatives from the chancellor's office, Ken Burtis, faculty assistant to the chancellor, and Karl Mohr, assistant executive vice chancellor, both of whom have played key roles in the task force deliberations and the preparation of the Joint Report. In the fall of 2011, at the chancellor's request, three task forces were charged with examining various options and scenarios for substantially increasing campus enrollment as a means of providing additional funding.

Absent adequate state funds, Mohr said that alternate subsidies are necessary, and non-resident tuition is one such source. Hess asked about disciplinary mix; is there an academic plan? The answer was no. Growth allows economic benefit without denying California students. Current growth has kept up with population increases but lagged increased parental aspirations for their children. Mohr stated that it is fairly easy to change majors, allowing students to sign up for one major and then switch; currently many foreign students, in the absence of an undergraduate business degree, major in economics or managerial economics. Dobris asked about market research in attracting non-resident students and about political fallout here in California when their numbers increase. Burtis said that both the legislature and the Regents recognize the financial reality and are not limiting campuses’ growth in non-resident students.

At this point, the Joint Report is being circulated on campus (among various campus constituencies) as a means of testing the viability and support for various options and proposals it offers.

The special meeting adjourned at 10:00; the regular meeting then commenced.

1. Announcements (Vohs)—Phyllis McCalla, vice-president of UCDRA executive board, will attend our meetings as their liaison. Sue Barnes has been elected for a two-year term as president of AROHE, Association of Retirement Organizations of Higher Education.
2. Minutes—accepted as corrected by Hess and Lacy.
3. Retiree Center Update (Barnes)—Center News is out to bulk mail awaiting distribution; online version should be available by January 14. Upcoming events include Hospice 101/ Veterans’ Benefits meeting on Jan. 23, the UCDEA/UCDRA General meeting at the MIND Institute of February 14, a tour of the Mondavi Center February 27, and a day trip to the Crocker Museum on March 20. “Transitioning to Retirement” classes begin next week.
4. Archivist (Boorkman)—no report, still actively collecting.
5. Financial (Sallee)—accepted as distributed. UCDEA made $375 on the Madrigal luncheon.
6. Committee Reports.
   a. Membership (Walters)—there has been a change since December with deaths, change of status, and new members.
   b. Awards (Vohs)—Sandra Gilbert was re-nominated for the Panunzio Award, and Eldridge Moores for Distinguished Emeritus Professor; the committee unanimously approved both nominations.
   c. Committee on Committees (Jackman)—all standing officers agreed to serve another year;
Dobris agreed to serve as at-large for another two years.

d. Editorial (McGuinness)—_Campus Connections_ is folded in with _Center News_ and will be available when it is.

e. Program (Flocchini)—Astronaut Stephen Robinson will discuss construction of the Space Station at the February 14 meeting, and Flocchini welcomes suggestions for next year’s speakers.

f. University and Public Relations (Lacy)—no report.

g. Video (Jackman)—several interviews have been recorded and just need introductions; others are set to be done. Vohs urged members convince their colleagues to be interviewed.

7. Senate and campus involvement

a. Emeriti Welfare (Hess)—The Emeriti Welfare Committee and the Senate Emeriti Committee, with the support of the Senate Executive Committee, passed a motion urging the retention of UC Office of the President funding for the Health Care Facilitator Program on every campus; that motion was sent to the UC chair of the Academic Senate, Bruno Nachtergaele, who in turn sent it to Bob Powell, chair of the Academic Counsel. Hess also sent the motion to Doug Morgan at UCSB, chair of CUCEA, who in turn sent it to all UC emeriti associations. Funding of the program was discussed at the UC Faculty Welfare committee meeting in December and will be discussed again January 11.

Hess also mentioned that a state appeals court had reversed an earlier court decision, thus upholding the suit of four retired Livermore employees who said that the University’s action in 2008 forced them to switch from their UC insurance plan to a private plan that cost more and covered less. UC’s lawyers hope to defeat the employees at trial, but if the University loses, it will have significant implications for changes in retiree health care benefits that the University is exploring. One option the University is considering is compelling UC health care solely at UC facilities.

b. 2020 Initiative (Vohs)—He questioned the amount of emeriti involvement in the planning. Next year’s enrollment is already in process. Are there planning groups? What has been the response of others to the Joint Task Force report?

The committee decided to hold a special meeting on the report on Feb. 14 at noon, at the Alumni Center, prior to the General Meeting.

c. Campus Community Council (Vohs)—nothing new. There will be brief presentations from constituent groups.

8. Continuing Business

a. Emeriti College (Vohs)—no action yet.

b. Sloan Grant (Vohs)—no action yet. We can serve as a sounding board for Vice-Provost Stanton and Binnie Singh.

9. New Business

a. Social Events Task Force (Vohs)—the group needs three representatives; Hess, Rains and McGuinness volunteered.

b. Emeriti Survey—no report yet on UCD’s participation

The meeting adjourned at 11:00

Respectfully submitted,

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