

Minutes of the UCDEA Executive Committee, Nov. 14, 2013, Davis Alumni Center, West Conference Room

Present: Vohs, Lofland, Breidenbach, Rains, Boorkman, Dobris, Jackman, Walters, Hamilton, Flocchini, McGuinness, Lacy, Hess, Hays, Plant, Sallee, Barnes.

The meeting commenced at 10:05.

1. Announcements—none
2. Minutes of last meeting—accepted
3. Retiree Center Update (Barnes)—Events as announced are continuing, the Brainfood talks, tour of the Craft Center, the Holiday Luncheon with the Madrigals from Davis High School, and the trip to see *The Book of Mormon*. Barnes asked whether the CUCEA meeting slated for 2015 should be held at Davis or at the Sacramento campus. Committee members agreed the Davis campus would be a better setting. On Nov. 19th there will be a NorCal ROCs meeting, retiree representatives from thirteen northern California campuses.
4. UCDDA Report (Hamilton)—Their board is looking into the possibility of raising funds to install hearing loop technology in the AGR room and/or other meeting facilities on campus and also to identify some recent retirees who might serve in future positions on the board.
5. Archives (Boorkman)—no report
6. Financial Report (Sallee)—More members have switched from annual to lifetime (and half of all lifetime membership dues go to the endowment fund). UCDEA finances are holding at a relatively stable level over the past few years. There was some discussion of shifting the costs of the Video Records program to the Retiree Center. The financial report was accepted as distributed.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership (Walters)—He is working on getting annual members to renew and will drop those that do not. Current numbers are on the financial statement. We have some members who are retired UC faculty from other campuses.
 - b. Awards and Recognition (Rains)—Nominees have been closed for Distinguished Emeritus, and six have been nominated; there is one nomination for the Panunzio award.
 - c. Committee on Committees (Jackman)—no report
 1. d. Editorial (McGuinness)—The call went out today for material for the winter issue. Some committee members observed that by the time items were printed, they were old news.
 - d. Program (Flocchini)—March and April are still open for Brainfood talks Flocchini asked whether former Senate Chair Bob Powell, who served two years at UCOP, would be better for a noon talk or 9 am chat with us. Board members decided they wanted to hear Powell at a chat, possibly March or April.
 - e. University and Public Relations (Lacy)—Richard Plant has joined his committee, which, with the help of Bob Rucker, is creating a list of individuals who could serve as mentors and a list of possible speakers in

the event that these programs are implemented.

- f. Video Records (Breidenbach)—Last year 20 interviews were completed and recorded; since June, 8 more have been completed. Verne Mendel is continuing to transfer old videotapes to digital. Two people have volunteered to do scheduling, which will free Breidenbach for other work. The Board approved an expenditure of \$350 for a refurbished computer to replace a defective one. There was some discussion as to whether the Brainfood Talks should be videotaped, but no decisions were made at this point

8. Senate and Campus Involvement

- a. Emeriti Welfare (Hess)—The UCDEA Emeriti Welfare Committee and the Senate Committee on Emeriti have agreed to operate as a joint committee this year, and Hess has been asked to serve as an ex-officio member of the Senate Faculty Welfare Committee. Campuses without medical centers are very concerned about the new healthcare plans and UC Care. Retirees out-of-state are concerned about using the Medicare coordinator Extend Health because of that organization's poor record in dealing with those employed at UC's National Laboratories. The Wellness program is also under scrutiny, since it costs over \$1 million as has had questionable results. Other questions involve the reimbursement rate for recalled faculty who teach large classes, since regular faculty receive increased teaching credit for doing so, the need for emeriti to have a sponsor to obtain one-day paid admission to the ARC, and the loss of Gil Sebastian's services to counsel UC Davis retirees; as of July 1, that service will be provided by phone over UCOP'S Retirement Administration Service Center, with much less personal attention. Hamilton said not having such dedicated advice to new retirees is a disservice. Centralization of these services is an ongoing problem.
- b. Campus Community Council (Lofland)—At their meeting on October 11th, Katehi was impressed by Vohs' enumeration of emeriti productiveness. Katehi believes that things are going well on the campus. President's Napolitano's exact visit times and schedule were kept secret to prevent demonstrations, a dubious practice for a public university. Lofland had expected the Council to end following current distance from the pepper-spray incident, but they will continue, although current value is unclear. Vohs stated, and Lofland agreed, that the group now feels more comfortable with each other.

9. Continuing Business

- a. Website ad hoc committee (Boorkman)—Marjorie Ahl has been working on the design. They have a clean-looking design for basic scaffolding and simple links.
- b. Coffee with Campus Leaders—They have been successful, and Vohs pointed out that they have the additional value of making the leadership aware of the emeriti.

- c. Fall Fest recap (Barnes)—The survey Barnes undertook showed how successful the event was, and received praise from members of the Board. It was decided to move next year's event to the Alumni Center.

10. New Business

- a. Review/critique of the Fall General Meeting---Those who attended felt that the UCOP presentations on health insurance have excessive amounts of information and they convey it in ways that make it difficult for attendees to remember and use. There was some discussion of how to communicate this to UCOP and help them do this more effectively at next year's meeting.
- b. Additional items—Vohs will be taking over the CUCEA survey of emeriti productivity that is done every three years. Next survey is 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35

Notes on Coffee with Campus Leaders discussion 11/14/13

Guest: John Meyer, Vice Chancellor, Administrative and Resource Management

- Meyer announced that his division will split with the forthcoming hiring of a chief financial officer.
- Chancellor Katehi has pledged that the 2020 Initiative will not lead to a decrease of California students enrolled at UC Davis.
- An International Student Center will be built at the corner of Russell Blvd. and California Ave, to house several student services for international students, similar to the Student Community Center.
- Talking of the new president, Janet Napolitano, Meyer said that administrators system-wide have good impressions of her and he believes that an experienced administrator and politician is a good fit for the job.
- Meyer also said Orchard Park will be torn down this summer and rebuilt, followed by Solano Park.
- West Village is currently 99% occupied.
- Meyer was presented with an Retiree Center coffee mug, which he says he looks forward to using.