

Minutes of the UCDEA Executive Committee
Oct. 9, 2014
UC Davis Conference Center

Present: Lofland (chair), Boorkman, Dobris, Rains, Vohs, Hays, Sallee, Haughton, Hamilton, Lacy, Smiley, Shackelford, Breidenbach, McGuinness, Barnes

Meeting commenced at 10:03

1. Announcements (Lofland): McCalla and Hess are recovering. The *Enterprise*, covering Senator Steinberg's remarks at Convocation, sought clarification on the World Food Center's placement at the Sacramento Railyards. Roger Beachy may not be able to make the Nov. coffee chat; he will be offered January as an alternate date.
2. Minutes approved with one minor update.
3. UCDDA (Hamilton)—She is working on the 25th anniversary celebration.
4. Retiree Center Update (Barnes)—They are accepting reservations for events on Oct. 30, separate ones for the lunch celebration and the afternoon meeting. She asked for volunteers for the latter, and McGuinness and Sallee volunteered.
5. Archivist (Haughton)—He wants to convert archived files to digital form and link them to the EA's website; there are minutes going back to 2007. The board approved further study of the project, with keeping of annual reports, but not the filing of working documents (e.g., nomination lists).
6. Financial report (Sallee)—accepted as distributed. Discussion arose about funding for the Video Center. Money used to come to it directly from the Provost's office, now it comes through the Retiree Center budget. More discussion is needed.
7. Committees
 - a. Membership (Vohs)—No major changes in numbers. He has recently signed 95 letters welcoming annual members; lifetime members got a packet. He asked whether members should get membership cards. Boorkman suggested expanding the size of the membership committee. Vohs agreed, and Sallee added that it should include younger retirees. Discussion then turned to the draft recommendation for subsuming the duties of the University and Public Relations Committee with a new Communications Committee. The former group has not advanced on either the mentoring project or the speakers' bureau. The board approved the change, with Vohs in charge of an ad hoc Communications Committee, and Lacy still pursuing formation of a speakers' bureau.
 - b. Awards (Rains)—Nominations are due for the Distinguished Emeritus/a and for the Panunzio Award.
 - c. Committee on Committee (Smiley)—no report
 - d. Editorial (McGuinness)—Campus Connections should be in our e-mailboxes.
 - e. Program (Shackelford)—Rachel Teague in November, John Lescroart in January, Kern Holoman in March.
8. Senate and Campus Involvement
 - a. Emeriti Welfare—no report
 - b. Campus Community Council—The chancellor distributed for consideration to top-level administrators a request from Jewish groups on how to deal with Israeli-Palestinian disputes. Someone leaked it to Palestine supporters who accused the chancellor of implementing the suggestions and favoring Jewish positions; she

- was criticized in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for this bias. As a result, the chancellor's office released the Statement on Freedom of Expression that had been crafted last year. The chancellor also said that the regents will divest from investments in fuel and reinvest in green energy. Also there was discussion of a culture clash regarding sexual mores. Evidently some cultures do not see aggressiveness as assault.
- c. Chancellor's Visioning Group (Smiley)—nothing yet is set on the World Food Center. Since their report is due soon, several wondered whether the short time span was intended to produce no result that would contradict what the administration has in mind.
9. Continuing Business
- a. UCDEA outreach to UCDHS (Vohs)—The new med school dean is hosting a lunch for med school emeriti on Nov. 4. He would like to see some UCDEA members included. He also suggested to the dean that she make this event a quarterly one. Vohs also proposed that there be Retiree Center office at the Med Center staffed by a part-time employee. The board approved the concept, and further investigation is needed.
10. New Business
- a. Update on meeting with Steven Currall (Hays)—He met with Currall, in charge of the World Food Center's possible office in Sacramento. Hays said that he told Currall any shift of faculty to Sacramento would further divide the campus, lessen campus loyalty, make faculty governance more difficult, and even make interdepartmental research more difficult; that it would increase the current atomization of faculty. Currall said that nothing has yet been solidified, and that the goal was to have a visible presence close to legislators in Sacramento. Hays said that both Steinberg's Convocation remarks and his own city councilwoman convince him that a World Food Center office in the Railyards is a done deal, administration denials notwithstanding. Others agreed. What remains is the shape and scope of that office and its personnel.
 - b. Budget declining trend (Sallee). We're currently losing about \$1000 a year beyond income; more is lost when food is not subsidized and we must pay for it. Must we pay for all the items we now do, and to the extent we do? What do we do with the endowment? A subcommittee of Sallee, McCalla, Hess, and Smiley was created to study these issues and report back. First, however, we will discuss our spending priorities at the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Hays