

## Minutes of the UCDEA Executive Committee Meeting

Nov. 12, 2014

UC Davis Conference Center

Present: Lofland (chair), Hamilton, Vohs, Boorkman, Dobris, Flocchini, Breidenbach, Hess, Hays, Rains, Lacy, McGuinness, Parsons, Sallee, Barnes

The meeting commenced at 10:00am.

1. Announcements (Lofland): She praised the Oct. 30 events, both the luncheon and the general meeting; both, she said, were handled flawlessly, and she praised Sue Barnes and Marjorie Ahl. She reported that Haughton informed her that IT would not archive our records. Planned coffee chats are now Beachy in January, the chancellor in February, and Hexter in March.
2. The minutes were approved as distributed.
3. UCRA Report (Hamilton): They will go over Oct. 30's events at the afternoon meeting as well as continued discussions on fundraising. They will discuss expanding advocacy and are working on their website. They are sending out surveys asking retirees about time spent on campus, time spent volunteering, etc. They have given up, as too expensive, trying to rewire auditoria for the hard-of-hearing and are instead compiling information about hearing aids.
4. Retiree Center Update (Barnes): She distributed sign-ups for the Dec. holiday luncheon and the March Exploratorium-after-Dark trip.
5. Archivist (Haughton): reported above in announcements.
6. Financial Report (Sallee): New enrollments are doing very well, and finances all right. New major items discussed immediately below.
7. New business
  - a. UCDEA purpose and how it relates to our Endowment (Sallee): The endowment has no firm guidelines for spending. It was set up to provide its interest income to supplement annual operating expenses. CUCEA may raise its dues, which will be an additional expense. Boorkman suggested using a percentage annually for operating expenses. Vohs cautioned against too-specific guidelines. Hess said that the administration originally gave the Retiree Center \$6000 annually for the video project, but that funds were later cut. Could we ask for reinstatement of that? Barnes said that was unlikely, as the Retiree Budget had already been set. Lofland said that the library might be willing to contribute. The subcommittee will consider goals of UCDEA and then processes for future distribution of the endowment.
  - b. CUCRA/ CUCEA meeting report (Rains): No change is UC's plan for contributions to retirement health care; it will go down to 70%. UC Davis is the most active group. Vohs discussed the activity survey. Because meetings have been extended to 2 days, CUCEA is rapidly expending its resources reimbursing for both travel and lodging; hence it's considering raising dues, as well as going to the UC Senate and President.
  - c. Fall meeting update (Barnes): \$568 was the cost for the reception. The food, provided by Paradise Valley, was good. Few surveys have been returned.
8. Continuing Business
  - a. UCDEA Outreach to UCDHS (Vohs): He reported on the lunch with the new medical dean. Overall, it was a good event, but there were far too few medical retirees. Hamilton said it was a mindset: doctors don't like to think of themselves as retired.
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership (Vohs): Nothing new.
  - b. Ad-hoc committee on communications (Vohs): nothing yet to report.
  - c. University and Public Relations (Lacy): Continuing to work on a Speakers' Bureau

- d. Awards and Recognition (Rains): nominations for both Panunzio and Distinguished Emeritus/a will close soon. More nominations needed.
  - e. Committee on Committees: no report
  - f. Editorial (McGuinness): no report
  - g. Program (Parsons): Nothing new.
  - h. Video (Breidenbach): No report
10. Senate and Campus Involvement
- a. Emeriti Welfare (Hess): Concerned that the survey of retirees that received RASC (Retirement Administration Service Center) counselling after campus counselling had been eliminated was too small (of 5 campuses and 5 medical centers, only 135 responses, 13 faculty and 122 staff), UCD designed and distributed its own survey to compare those who had had campus counselling in 2013 with those who had RASC counselling in 2014. 1333 surveys went out, 364 were returned; 196 had campus counselling, 150 had RASC. The committee will meet on Nov. 21st to go over the survey and make recommendations for pre-retirement benefits counselling.
  - b. Campus Community Council (Boorkman): The Campus Compliance Officer reported on the campus's progress dealing with sexual harassment. There are problems with students of other cultures and their traditional treatment of women. Freedom of expression concerns has caused a review of the Principles of Community.
  - c. Campus Visioning Group: No report

The meeting adjourned at 11:29.

Respectfully submitted,

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