

Draft Minutes UCDEA Executive Committee meeting, February 11, 2015, @ the Conference Center

Present: Lofland (chair), Hess, Houghton, Breidenbach, Flocchini, Lacy, Rains, Vohs, McCalla, Boorkman, Jackman, Sallee, Parsons, Hays, Shackleford, Barnes

1. Announcements: Lofland spoke of the recent death of Al Harrison, and the board voiced their condolences. The University of the 21st Century committee is made up primarily of administrators, few faculty; Lofland called for volunteers to join that group. With regard to our coffee chats, Lofland has asked the chancellor for a free-standing meeting, not one tied to our Thursday at 9:00am schedule. There are no volunteers yet for the social committee.

2. Minutes approved as corrected.

3. UCORA--no report

4. Retiree Center Update (Barnes): 170 staff and 50 faculty attended the Preparing for Retirement classes. She is trying to develop the same series for the med center for next year. The Alumni Association has purchased property in the foothills, which they might develop into a camp, similar to Lair of the Bear. It can also be used as a meeting site for retreats. The Exploratorium trip is fully booked, and a trip is planned to the Regenerative Medicine facility at the med center; their doings might be a good program for Brainfood talks. Sign-ups are being taken for a winery tour and for a tour of Russell Ranch in April.

5. Archivist (Houghton): After moving from contact to contact, and having his suspicion confirmed that we were being bureaucratically stonewalled, he has finally gotten IT to agree to put our archives on the web. He will meet with Marjorie on the 20th.

6. Financial Report (Sallee): accepted as presented, and the 16 cents interest was greatly appreciated.

7. New Business

a. Retirement Counseling (Hess): He discussed the recent history the centralization of counseling of retirement benefits at Oakland under UCOP and the surveys taken at UCD at the end of 2013's campus counseling with 2014's counseling by RASC (Retirement Administration Service Center). 1333 surveys were sent out, 366 returned. Respondents were 18% happier with on-campus counseling, especially those who attended the Transition to Retirement classes. That's not enough difference for UCOP to justify returning to the on-campus system (which costs for UCD \$150,000). Suggestions for improvement were that RASC should have a preparatory interactive class, not just a video, so that people could ask questions. Our Transitioning classes need more, better advertising. RASC's goal should be 90% satisfaction, not their current 80%, and there should be an on-campus resource for those encountering severe problems. Finally, UCOP's HR should provide a cost-benefit analysis of RASC over on-campus counseling. Flocchini asked how long each RASC counselor spent with individuals. Since our Transitioning classes benefit RASC, shouldn't they help underwrite them?

8. Continuing Business

a. Communications Committee (Vohs): They will meet next week.

b. UCDEA's Purpose (Lofland): Free 1st-year enrollment isn't widely supported and will not be instituted, but that most comments suggest that we are doing what we should. Hays suggested using

unused coffee chat time for broader-ranging discussions than our meetings allow. Barnes said we could use the Alumni property for a retreat.

9. Committee Reports

a. Membership (Vohs): nothing new.

b. Ad-hoc Communications (Vohs): Haven't met yet.

c. University and Public Relations (Lacy): No obstacle to merging with Communications, which will deal with website, communicating with the public, and the speakers' bureau.

d. Awards (Rains): The Dickson professors and the Distinguished Emeritus have been invited to the luncheon on Feb. 23. Isao Fujimoto's Panunzio nomination is nearly done (the deadline is March 4).

e. Committee on Committees (Jackman): Next year's officers will be the same as this year's, as will the members-at-large and most committee chairs. The slate was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by the committee.

f. Editorial--no report

g. Programs (Shackelford): Holoman in March, Fishman in April, Thorp in May for the Brainfood talks. It was suggested that telemedicine would be a good topic for the fall meeting.

h. Video (Breidenbach): Only 4 interviews recorded so far this year and none currently scheduled. Could there be a flyer in the retirement packet or a video clip in the Transitioning classes. A video clip seemed promising for a number of uses, and will be pursued.

10. Senate and Campus Involvement

a. Emeriti Welfare (Hess): Blue Shield and Sutter have finally agreed on contract terms, and Anthem has been hacked. John Stobo (UCOP VP for Health Services, and an MD) has proposed only two health care providers: Kaiser and UC Care. Faculty have vigorously opposed this. Hess also said that UC subscribers to Kaiser actually subsidize UC Care. Out-of-state retirees currently get \$3000 to buy insurance in the marketplace; if this proves successful, it may become a model for all retirees.

b. Campus Community Council (Boorkman): An emergency meeting was held last week over the divestment issue and the graffiti incident. Divestment is an issue on all campuses.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Hays