Draft Minutes of the UCDEA Executive Committee meeting April 14, 2016 at the Conference Center

Present: Boorkman (acting chair), McGuinness, Dobris, McCalla, Jackman, Rocchini, Smiley, Haughton, Rains, Rucker, Hess, Breidenbach, Sallee, Vohs, Compton, Hays, Barnes, Heard; visiting, Richard Engel, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations.

Meeting was called to order at 10:04

1. Announcements (Boorkman)
   a. Introductions of Board to Rich Engel and Becky Heard. Engel spoke of the Alumni Association’s efforts to reach out to retirees and also about the transition of leadership from Sue Barnes. Heard will be the interim director of the Retiree Center. It will be up to UCDEA and UCDRA to decide whether to search nationally. Engel pointed out that when UCDEA wants to host a large event it can draw on the wide audience of Alumni Relations.
   b. Boorkman announced the forthcoming coffee chats and called for committee reports by June 9. The Spring general meeting will vote on the by-law changes and the submitted slate of officers.

2. Minutes approved as distributed.

3. UCDRA Report (Compton)—Don Eernisse will be the Picnic day honoree. UCDRA is forming a Communications Committee to use social media more effectively. Their by-laws will also be voted on at the Spring meeting, including a 2-year, staggered term for board members.

4. Retiree Center (Barnes)—The last meeting of the Transition to Retirement program at UCDMC will occur next week. The program will need more space next year; more wanted to participate than could be accommodated this year. Dean Freischlag of the Medical School is willing to create a UCDMC Retiree Center, probably in the Education Building; it will be staffed 2 days a week.

5. Archivist (Haughton)—no report.

6. Financial Report (Sallee)—accepted as distributed.

7. New Business
   a. Emeriti Activity Survey (Vohs)—He distributed a booklet documenting the impressive activities of emeriti across 9 campuses, including classes taught, books and articles published, and honors won. Pres. Napolitano will meet with them in 2 weeks. This report should cause increased support for emeriti at other campuses. Sallee said that the report should change the notion of retirement nationally. Hess said that there is still inequity of pay among recalled faculty.
   b. Retiree Center website revisions (Barnes)—She showed the revisions that have been done to the center’s website making it more open, less text-heavy. The calendar is now on the front page and automatically links to the campus calendar. Work is ongoing on the transition-to-retirement page.
   c. CUCEA Bylaws revision re dues (Hess)—CUCEA is losing money and is concerned about its budget and dues structure. UCDEA currently pays $2 per member. Should life members, annual members, and associates pay the same? Associates don’t pay dues. CUCEA pays for travel and lodging of officers at CUCEA meetings. Dobris suggested that CUCEA pay only a percentage of expenses. Vohs said that UC Senate used to contribute but does no longer; he will ask Napolitano to contribute.
d. Retiree Resource Fair (Boorkman)—She asked for a volunteer to represent UCDEA at the Fair. McGuinness volunteered. How should we recognize the 10th anniversary of the retiree Center? Rucker will serve on a committee to form a plan.

8. Committee reports
   a. Membership (Vohs)—The med school’s Assoc. Vice-Chancellor Tom Nesbitt and Dean Freischlag are enthusiastic about setting up at Retiree Center at UCDMC and an emeriti group.
   b. Awards and Recognition (Rains)—Dickson award applications close April 29. There are currently 2 applicants, but more are likely before the deadline.
   c. Committee on Committees (Jackman)—Steve Brush has agreed to chair the Emeriti Faculty Welfare Committee. Board members said he should be invited to the May 12th and June 9th meetings.
   d. Communications (McGuinness)—She has received a request for teachers, which will be evaluated.
   e. Programs and Agenda—no report
   f. Video Records (Breidenbach)—Showed the expenses of the committee for the last 5 years, during which they have spent $13,000, the most during the early years buying new cameras and computers. It works out to $170 per interview completed. Currently they need $2500. Barnes said they could use the balance on this year’s Retiree Center account. Hess pointed out that the campus used to subsidize the video records, and those funds should be restored. Breidenbach said he is ready to link the interviews to UCD’s YouTube channel. Engel said there should be resources available. Vohs suggested budgeting for remote locations, such as people’s homes or labs.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28

Respectfully submitted,

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