

Draft Minutes, UCDEA Executive Committee meeting, April 13, 2017, at the Conference Center

Present: Boorkman (Pres.), Rucker, Vohs, Smiley, Klein, Jackman, Breidenbach, Rains, Hays, Sallee, Dobris, Haughton, Compton, Parsons, Heard, Yokote

Meeting began at 10:07

1. Announcements
 - a. Coffee with VP and Dean Mohabatra, June 8.
 - b. Nursing Education classroom tour. The demonstration room is now in the administration building as the classroom building is still in construction. It is a very large room with many tables large enough to accommodate 7 people around each for interaction. Instructors walk around with tablets getting instant feedback. Every room in the new building will be multi-use, even the student lounge. They can telecommunicate with the Vet School or around the world.
 - c. No board meeting in May; instead there will be a lunch, combined meeting with UCDDA, brief business meeting with election of officers, and Manning's talk on May 11, 11:30-1:30.
2. Minutes of meeting with VP Regulska and board meeting March 9 were approved as distributed.
3. UCDDA report (Compton)—They are developing strategies for greater attendance and a new dues structure, perhaps supplanting dues with fund raising.
4. Retiree Center report (Heard)—The tour of the Olive Oil Center was successful. She is thinking of how to hold on to new retirees, whether through golf tournaments, hiking, biking, or a one-on-one text session. Forthcoming are tours of the Raptor Center, a senior living facility, and the Wolfs Kill facility.
5. Archivist (Haughton)—no change. If members cannot find an item, contact him directly.
6. Financial (Klein)—no change. We are financially stable.
7. Continuing business
 - a. Ad hoc committee on the endowment fund (Klein). Interest at present is about 4% and would cover about half of our expenses. Klein and Hays both asked for more administrative support, considering the scholarly and financial contributions of emeriti. Vohs spoke against free membership, saying people valued more highly things that had cost them. Dobris spoke of faculty frugality. We have 458 members out of 1400-1500 emeriti, the largest enrollment of any UC emeriti group. For the time being, dues will continue.
 - b. Survey of emeriti activities (Rucker and Heard)—Vohs asked why we are again doing this. Boorkman responded it was in response to Provost Burtis's questioning our contributions when renewing our parking passes for one year, not two. Members said that "participate in classes" was too vague, and "office space" also indefinite—a separate office or a shared desk with others. Administrative costs for mailing out the stickers is expensive. Would a small annual fee for parking be acceptable? Should permits only go to Association members, making it a perk of membership? The survey was placed on hold.
8. New Business
 - a. Liaison with the Office of Research—no report
 - b. Formalize combining UCDEA and UCDDA Communications and Program Committees (Boorkman)—It was a good meeting. Themes were developed for each quarter's speakers at the Brainfood Talks, as well as the general meetings. Next fall and winter, the theme is health, which will include the fall general meeting; in the spring, the arts. Speakers for Sept. are Charles DeCarli, Gary May for Oct., Paul Knoepfler for Nov. In January, there will be a Vet Med tour. In Feb., Heather Young or Tom Nesbitt, Rachel Teagle in March, and Jesse Anne Owens in April.

The Distinguished Alumnus/a will speak in May. We will combine committees of both organizations for the year, and if it works, change the by-laws next year.

c. CCC (Sallee)—He mentioned the article on “The Threat from Within” by John Etchemendy, which concerns campus protest groups preventing individuals from speaking. It will be on the next CCC agenda.

9. Committee reports

a. Membership (Vohs)—Holding steady. Those who have not paid annual dues will be dropped. Heard mentioned the CAAA discounts available to members.

b. Awards (Rains)—Barbara Goldman has assumed the chair’s duties. Call for the Dickson award has gone out; so far, no applications.

c. Committees on Committees (Smiley)—The board approved the slate of officers as presented. They will be voted on at the May meeting.

d. Communications—no report

e. Programs (see 8b above)

f. Video records (Dobris)—The committee is hurrying to complete interviews this quarter.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28

Respectfully submitted,
Peter L. Hays