

Bio of Susan K. Abeles

Susan (Sue) Abeles retired in June 2010 after 40+ years of service at UCLA. At the time of her retirement, she was the campus Associate Vice Chancellor-Corporate Financial Services and Controller. Sue started her UCLA career as an undergraduate student, arriving in fall, 1968, as an Alumni Scholar. Sue began working at UCLA in 1969 as a casual employee to help fund her education. When she graduated with a B.A. in Psychology in 1973, she became a career employee in the Residence Halls initially working as a secretary in food services. During her early UCLA career, Sue earned a Master's degree in Educational Psychology (1975) and a MBA (1981) at Cal State Northridge while working fulltime. In 1975, Sue moved into management in Housing and Food Services, which later became Business Enterprises, where she was ultimately responsible for financial operations, faculty housing programs, and operational and strategic planning. She was appointed Associate Vice Chancellor-Corporate Financial Services/Controller in 1995. Sue was the first woman to hold this position at UCLA. In 2010, Sue received the UCLA Administrative Management Group Excellence in Leadership (EXCEL) Award. Since her retirement, Sue has served on the UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA) Board first as a member at large, then as Vice President/President-elect, and most recently, as President, and CUCRA representative. Sue's interests in retirement include traveling, performing in a musical theater workshop, playing Mah Jongg, reading, quilting, cycling. Jazzercise, and serving as a member of the board of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of Childhelp, an organization that prevents and treats child abuse.