John Meyer retired from UC Davis in 2014 as its administrative vice chancellor. He joined the campus in 2000 as vice chancellor for planning and budget. Prior to joining the campus, he served as city manager of Davis during the 1990s. Before that position he worked for small consulting firms and the city of Oakland. He holds a bachelor's degree from UC Davis and a master's degree from USC.

Following retirement, he has undertaken several varied pro bono consulting assignments including a management review of the city of Davis, an external review of UC's Berkeley's Real Estate Division and an organizational assessment of the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame. He served as president of the UC Davis Retirees' Association from 2017-19 during which time he was the group's representative to CUCRA. He was a member of UC's Retiree Health Benefits Design Work Group and chair of the UC Health Benefits Advisory Committee. During the peak of the Covid pandemic he served as a member of the Healthy Davis Together Advisory Committee designed to assist in opening the campus during this extreme health crisis in partnership with its host community.

During his current tenure as Chair of CUCRA he has strived to enhance communication with executives at the UC Office of the President and partner with the Retirement Administration Service Center to improve operations.

Having retired his running shoes and marathoning days, John continues to enjoy hiking, backpacking and cycling. He also uses golf as an excuse for a long walk often interrupted with head shaking and mumbling.