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Statement of Qualifications

CUCRA representative – Joint Benefits Committee

Since I spent much of my 35+ year UCSF career dealing with the UC President's Office, it seems only natural that I continue to do this after I retired. There are many things I'd rather be doing, but since UCOP has seemingly "lost its way" in not understanding its role as a steward for the UC retirees, I am happy to work with them and guide them back to the path of good stewardship. I have spent the past several years as a member of the JBC and feel we have become more demonstrative in addressing the UCOP leadership and now have their attention on a number of priority issues, the leading ones being the operation of the RASC and our retiree health care. I would like to continue in that role for at least another 2 years while we finalize some of the agendas we started in the previous two years. During this time, I would be looking for some new and fresh blood for the JBC and the new UC Retiree Advisory Committee that had its initial meeting with UCOP this past August.

As mentioned, I spent my career as a professional staff member, manager level early in my career and later as an officer of the University as the Vice Chancellor - Finance all of it at UCSF. In that final role I not only was responsible for the management and planning of UCSF's resources, but also was responsible for the insurance and risk management programs and portfolios and the Federal touchpoints and related negotiations at a policy level.

As a CUCRA representative to the UC Joint Benefits Committee I will not only bring this background to bear, but also the perspective of a 20-year cancer 'fighter' who has had to deal with all of the good, bad and indifferent that a patient has to deal with as they are often forced to face in their journey to stay healthy and alive. Further – I know most of the active staff and management at UCOP and can use these connections to further our objectives. In my view, the JBC can be a much louder and more effective voice for the retirees – particularly as the health care world becomes even more complex and our annuitant health care benefit becomes one of the few remaining quality benefits we can count on.