

UC SANTA CRUZ RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Spring 2012 Report to CUCRA

Continuing Collaboration with Emeriti

After achieving some success in joint Health Benefits Open Enrollment workshops with Emeriti last fall, Retirees complemented this success in collaborative planning for the Fall 2012 co-hosting of the system-wide CUCRA/CUCEA meeting. Also Emeritus Professor Bill Doyle's address on his new book describing the early days of UCSC.

to the Retirees Association at the February Scholarship Luncheon was especially well received.

Student Scholarship Success

The Retiree Association and Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship programs were especially successful this spring. As a result of the significant contributions of our members and in gratitude for the Lane family's generosity the UCSC Retirees were able to offer twelve scholarships to currently enrolled students who are veterans with financial need.

Establishment of Scholarship Endowment

Retirees are taking steps to create a scholarship endowment to continue to provide annual scholarships to veteran students and others with financial need. One donation of \$10,000 has already been made and a matching bequest of \$10,000 is anticipated in the coming year. Maxine Lane has made a matching pledge of up to \$5000 for donations received by Dec. 31, 2012. The endowment will be named the UCSC Retiree Association Bruce Lane Memorial Award.

Successful Pre-Retirement Workshop

In collaboration with the UCSC Benefits Office the Retiree Association presented a workshop for staff members considering retirement. RA members described their own experience in retirement and discussed some of the privileges available to staff in retirement. Several attendees expressed their appreciation for the workshop and indicated their interest in joining the Retirees Association.

Successful Newsletter and Email Communication

The UCSC Silver Slug newsletter is distributed to the membership and an electronic version is also available to those who request it. In addition an "email blast" is periodically provided to members about important issues. A recent email communication described the system-wide request for documentation of dependents receiving health, dental and vision benefits.

UCOP Recognition of CUCRA/CUCEA

The UCSC Retiree Association Board expressed its gratitude to our former president and CUCRA chairman-elect, Lee Duffus for his persistent efforts with UCOP in achieving recognition of CUCRA and CUCEA as officially sanctioned

organizations within the University of California.

All of us at UCSC look forward to welcoming our friends from CUCRA and CUCEA to the joint meeting next October.