

Council of the University of California Retiree Associations (CUCRA)

Meeting Minutes, April 26 2016, UC Los Angeles

OFFICERS:

Lee Duffus (UCSC), Chair; Marianne Schnaubelt (UCI) Vice Chair/Chair-elect; John Pitts (LLNL), Secretary; John Dahl (UCLA), Treasurer; Rod Seeger (UCSF), Information Officer; Marian Gade (UCB), Past Chair

OFFICERS, CENTER DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Anderson (UCSC), Albert Aubin (UCLA), Lynn Bailiff (UCB), Mike Chandler (UCD), John Dahl (UCLA), Janis Dairiki (LBNL), Bob Daly (UCR), Dave Dodson(UCSC), Lee Duffus (UCSC), Richard Engel (UCD), Jeri Frederick (UCI), Don Grether (LBNL), Gail Harden (UCSF), Adrian Harris (UCLA), Becky Heard (UCD), Marguerite Jackson (UCSD), Dick Jensen (UCSB), Mary Johnson (UCR), Joe Lewis (UCOP), Robert Mann (UCSB), Booker McClain (UCOP), John Meyer (UCD), Dawn Passaro (UCSC), John Pitts (LLNL), Rod Rose (UCLA), Marianne Schnaubelt (UCI), Cary Sweeney (UCB), Toni Sweet (UCB), Susan von Seeburg (UCOP), Debra Wells (UCSD)

CENTER DIRECTORS:

Becky Heard--interim (UCD), Cary Sweeney (UCB), Jeri Frederick (UCI), Sue Barnes (UCLA)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action / Responsibility / Deadline
1. Call to Order	Chair Lee Duffus called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. He asked everyone to introduce themselves	
2. Minutes approval	Minutes of the April 26, 2016 CUCRA meeting were approved.	

3. Nominating Committee	Janis Dairiki relayed that we need a new vice Chair and Secretary starting in the spring of 2017 and asked for volunteers.	Suggest names or volunteer yourself.
4. New Travel Chair	Rosemary Norling is stepping down as Travel Chair. Rosemary suggested Frances Fernandez from UC Riverside as a replacement. Lee mentioned that anyone can sign up for travel through this program but they should mention they are associated with the UC Retirees.	Frances Fernandez was elected as the new Travel Chair.
5. Retiree Survey	<p>Lee Duffus noted that a beautiful and informative emeriti activities survey had recently been published which was particularly well received. He had asked Cary Sweeney and others to produce a similar report concerning retirees. Cary lead a lengthy discussion outlining what they had already done, what questions should be asked, the difficulty of finding retirees and surviving spouses plus obtaining responses, reporting results and the importance of the results to UC and others. Cary and her team have been working closely with those who produced the emeriti report.</p> <p>Many comments were made and suggestions offered, e.g. how best to obtain contact information, privacy considerations, how to send the survey out and how best to accurately collate the results, etc.</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	John Dahl passed out multi-colored sheets showing details of CUCRA finances ending on December 31, 2015 which showed that we came close to breaking even. CUCRA's cash balance was \$49,165.55 on December 31, 2015. Major donations from the Travel Interest Group are expected to continue for 2016. The approved budget for the year 2016 shows income of \$10,140 and expenses of \$18,506 for a deficit of \$8366.	ACTION: The financial report was approved as submitted.

7. Program Support	<p>Marianne Schnaubelt relayed that deadlines for proposals is June 1, 2016. Details on writing a proposal are on the website. A total of \$5000 is approved in the 2016 budget. Program support is considered important because it benefits all retirees, CUCRA and all Associations. Marguerite Jackson suggested that it would be helpful to hire a person to write the proposal reports and include graphics etc.</p>	
8. CUCRA Chair's Report	<p>Lee Duffus updated his report, distributed earlier, indicating he did receive a response from Kimberly Budil, UC's vice president for laboratory management, that there has been no further improvement in relations with the Los Alamos and Livermore Laboratories. An independent lawsuit by some Livermore Laboratory retirees not associated with CUCRA concerning health care benefits is expected to come to trial this year. This may have implications for all of us. Lee also mentioned that the contract with Los Alamos is going to be re-bid so there are issues with future health care for them.</p> <p>A discussion on how best to communicate with UC led to a consensus that it is best to deal with the highest echelon feasible and to minimize the presentations and maximize the discussions.</p>	

Minutes written by John Pitts, CUCRA Secretary