

Sue Abeles

Statement of Qualifications for Chair:

Sue retired from UCLA in 2010, after over 40 years of service. She began her career at UCLA as an undergraduate student and UCLA Alumni Scholar and worked her way through school as a part-time food service worker and custodian in UCLA Housing and Dining Services. Upon graduation, Sue became a career employee working as a Secretary in one of the Residence Halls food operations. She continued her education and received a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology (1975) and an MBA (1980) while working fulltime. While pursuing her graduate degrees, Sue continued to work at UCLA and held various positions of increasing management responsibilities. In 1995, Sue was named the Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor-Finance for the UCLA campus. She was the first woman to hold this position at UCLA. This role was made permanent later that year and, in 1998, the position was reclassified to Associate Vice Chancellor/Controller-Corporate Financial Services. During her tenure, UCLA Corporate Financial Services also successfully provided business and financial services to UC Merced and the UC Office of the President in addition to the UCLA campus. In 2010, Sue was recognized by the UCLA Administrative Management Group (AMG) with their Excellence in Leadership Award.

Sue joined the UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA) Board in 2012 as a Member-at-Large, became Vice President/President-elect in 2016, and subsequently, served as President of the UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA) from 2018-2021. She is currently on the UCLARA Board as the Chair of the Mentorship Committee. Sue has also served as a CUCRA representative from UCLARA and is currently the CUCRA Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, a position she has held for four years. Sue is involved in various other organizations/activities

including singing with a musical theater workshop, managing the membership database for a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse, quilting, needlework, cycling, Jazzercise, and being a doting grandparent of four young grandchildren.