50th Anniversary Planning Committee for Retiree Events
Meeting, Wednesday, July 30, 2014

Present: Jerry Walters, Retirees Association co-chair; Jim Burns, Anita Diaz, Barbara Dileanis, Martha Keeler, Dave Kirk, Maxine Lane, Virginia Lee, Michael Nauenberg (Emeriti Association), Merribeth Platt, Mary Silver (EA), Nancy Pascal, RA co-chair

Review of coming events: RA Fall Picnic at Harvey West Park on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. There will be a video booth/tent at the picnic to film the eager participants. Virginia has 5-6 questions for the interviewees that should prompt lively responses. The plan is to present these memories at the Retiree sponsored event during the 50th Anniversary portion of the April 2015 Alumni Weekend and eventually donate them to the campus for preservation/use in campus historical archives. A suggestion was made to spread our audience to be interviewed by doing this again at the April 2015 event when a greater number of past employees are expected.

Michael might solicit “your funniest story of early UCSC” from Emeriti.

Picnic Video Production Action items:
1. In the August newsletter, Virginia will include an invitation for RA members to prepare brief responses to capture memories of UCSC’s early days.
2. Jim will prepare a Newsletter article to encourage readers to share their campus memories and experiences via the campus Anniversary Timeline.
3. Virginia, Jim and Dave K. will explore and define the technical and logistical scope of the video project. This includes contacting campus and off campus...
personnel to ascertain their ability to support the project.

4. Anita (RA Treasurer) said that the Retirees Board could contribute up to $1,500 toward video production costs subject to review to see if there are any competing needs.

Proposed event for April 2015: The event as originally proposed for Thursday, April 23 is to sponsor a breakfast for all former UCSC staff and faculty, arrange for tours and visits to colleges, departments, divisions; and encourage former staff (optionally) to attend the Staff Appreciation Lunch (East Field). A modest charge (amount to be determined) would be assessed of those attending the breakfast and the optional lunch. The budget for this event is of great concern. We need a large team of volunteers to help with registration, day-of logistics, escorts, and other details not yet determined.

Questions were raised about the event as proposed:
1. hot or cold breakfast? It is recommended that we serve a hot breakfast, cost to be determined.
2. Attendees may consider two meals too close together.
3. Is 7:30 am a reasonable time for retirees?
4. Stevenson Event Center was proposed as the venue. We need to determine the seating capacity, if the facility is available and the rental cost.
5. Can we use the regular campus tour and transportation services?
6. Will the out of town attendees need to purchase parking passes or will campus extend a courtesy pass in honor of their past service?
A different event schedule was proposed for consideration:

Thursday, Lunch (Optional), campus tours, etc; Reception 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., with hors d’oeuvres, wine and beverages.; Friday, Breakfast.

Action:
1. Martha Keeler will draft a budget, listing fixed costs and variable costs and forward the draft to Jerry, Merribeth, Anita and Nancy.
2. Nancy will contact Michael Luttrell (SAB) about the status of SAB plans for their Staff Appreciation Lunch. (Note: no word as of 8/4/14)
3. Find out if members of the McHenry family are being invited to participate in 50th anniversary activities and see if they would like to be included in our interviews and events.
4. Work with University Relations on the database, to identify former staff and faculty. Mary Wells and Mary Silver have experience with the database.

Submitted by Jerry Walters, Nancy Pascal