Retirees Association 50th Anniversary Planning Committee Report

Nancy Pascal and Jerry Walters, Co-Chairs, met informally on March 16, 2014 to plan for committee’s first meeting and draft some ideas to suggest.

We first would like obtain the full board consent on the following:

1. All Retiree Association plans would include all former employees, not just members of the Association.
2. Authorize the Committee to proceed with development of a co-sponsored event with the Staff Advisory Board (SAB) to honor all past employees at an All Staff Breakfast and Picnic preceding the 2015 Alumni Weekend.

**Background:** We have discussed with Chair of SAB the possibility of this event. The theme would be to honor all past staff (how to work in faculty still needs to be discussed). Past employees would be celebrated, perhaps by decade or other general category. We would need to plan events/activities for retirees during the interval after breakfast, before the picnic (tours of campus, special programs, specific group get-togethers, etc.

Past employees would be recognized at the breakfast and a video might be shown. By inviting past employees to this weekend they could participate in their units’ activities, alumni functions, the annual scholarship dinner (called Launch, a celebration of the UCSC student experience this year), faculty talks, etc. The goal would be to make this a more meaningful experience and increase attendance especially from out of town retirees.

**Tasks for committee to sort out beginning with their first meeting:**
- To increase size of committee by adding Emeriti, non- RA retirees.
- To solicit and decide on a catchy, appropriate title, e.g. Remembrances or Recollections. This could be used on all printed items, as title for web and newsletter articles.
- To solicit photos, stories which can be used in video and/or placed onto campus timeline
- To consider having a recording/video studio set up at Fall Picnic to collect stories, memories from picnic attendees.
- To begin more detailed discussions with SAB on co-sponsored events.
- To plan events and activities in between breakfast and picnic or other events to be developed.
- To discuss with Emeriti their participation in events.
- To begin to collect names, addresses (snail and email) for past employees including those in colleges and to encourage colleges to provide special invitations to them.

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