CUCRA Report
UC Riverside Meeting, 4/23-4/24 2013

• Leadership
What a treat to come to the meeting and to see our own Lee Duffus sitting as the Chair of CUCRA. This was his first meeting, and you did a great job, Lee. The meeting was a lot more interactive with a couple of roundtable/breakout groups, and many more ideas were exchanged. And, at the joint meeting with CUCEA, there sat John Marcum, who will be their new Chair next fall. UCSC is well represented!

• Breakout/Roundtable Sessions
There were two of these and they were both highly productive. I loved the format. We have so much to learn from each other, and so little opportunity to do that when all the information comes in the form of reports and agenda items. Thanks, Lee.

Scholarships – I went to this session. Most of the Retirees Associations and Centers have some kind of scholarship and we discussed best practices on how to start, fund and administer them. It turns out that UCSC is the only campus that has an endowment for its scholarship, so we were sort of the center of attention. Three cheers for us! I felt very special and proud of our efforts. Thanks to all who worked so hard to get this set up and especially to Maxine.

Retiree Surveys – Dave went to this session and learned the ins and outs of how to put these surveys together. You can see the results of this session in what he and Lee have just done! This survey will provide critical information for our proposal for a Retirees and Emeriti Center.

• Workshop on Starting a Retirees Center
Dave, Lee, Mary Silver and I got up early for a 7:30 workshop on how to start a center presented by Sue Barnes (Davis), Patrick Cullinane (Berkeley), and Jeri Frederick (Irvine). The presentation was positive, lively and, once again, interactive. The result is clear in my Office Committee Report. We got excited and we’re going for it!

• The Joint Benefits Committee (JBC) Report
JBC reiterated its concern about the recent increase in co-pays for our health insurance, expressed thanks that the Health Care Facilitator Program will continue to be funded by UCOP, and encouraged CUCEA representatives to ask their Faculty Welfare Committees to request that UCOP do an assessment of the value of the Stay Well health management program versus other options.

• UC Travel Program
Rosemary Norling (San Diego) reported on the new travel opportunities available through the UC Travel Program. Not only has she negotiated some exciting trips, this program provides a substantial amount of financial support to CUCRA. I came back with a packet of information. Anybody want it? Should we have a Board liaison to this group?

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