Minutes of April 1, 2014  
Approved as corrected June 10, 2014

Members absent:  Dave Kirk, Jan Tepper

Call to Order  Dave  Meeting opened at 1 pm

Secretary  Nancy  Minutes of February 4, 2014 approved

OLD BUSINESS

Update Status of Retiree/Emeriti Center  Dave/Jenny  Pablo Reguerin thought about adding .25FTE to our position to give STARS additional support, however, that did not work out. Dave and Jenny decided to explore other options: a) a current retiree who might want to work part-time; b) a condition of employment that allows an individual to work up to 1,000 hours (equals 2 years at .25% time). The second option might allow faster hiring and processing time. Jenny and Corinne will consult with Sally Lester and others to determine the conditions and details of the two options. The Adm Asst III job description is written, ready and waiting to be sent to SHR. Jenny will notify Board members as soon as she obtains clarification of the best process for hiring. Once that is nailed down, Jan can send an eBlast to RA members notifying them of the job opening.

Fall Picnic  Brian  Brian explored the possibility of using the Harvey West Clubhouse for our Fall picnic. After determining that the City web site contained misleading fee information and that the cost of renting the clubhouse was prohibitive, he reserved and paid for the Oak picnic area for September 16, 2014.

Private Bank Account for RA  Anita  Anita is close to setting up an RA account with Bay Federal. There are no bank charges since we are a non-profit. Anita is meeting next week to finalize the details.

Trips and Events  Lynne  Planning for events is going well. The Arboretum tour on April 17 is booked with a waiting list. Events are planned through December 2014. The Board for 2014-15 will need to appoint new members to serve on this committee, as well as ask RA members (non-board folks) to help with event planning. Corinne, as new program chair, will form a committee to manage the event planning, with Jan serving as contact person (through Silver Slug email). Coming events: July 5 Beach clean-up will be announced in April newsletter; thinking about a holiday bazaar with members providing items for sale as a fund-raiser for the scholarship. Corinne will talk with the director of the downtown Veterans Center to find out if we can coordinate with their Veteran’s Day events. The Vet Center is a good location to attract the public to purchase craft and art items. (note: will we need a city permit?)
May 6 Luncheon  Brian/Corinne  (report submitted electronically)  Mike Ryan is the featured speaker for the May event. The newly formed Santa Cruz Shakespeare/Shakespeare Play On season will start July 1, at the Sinsheimer/Stanley Glen. Arrangements for the lunch are in place. Brian requested that 8 tables be set-up (seating for 64), if more attend we can add chairs to the tables. We will be sure to acknowledge new members and guests. There is an unresolved question about an additional laundry charge for use of the church’s tablecloths.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws amendment  Jenny/Dave  (report distributed electronically)  Jenny presented a change to Bylaw Section V, Article 1, (1) to accommodate the change in status to the RA/EA office at Kresge. The motion to change the name of the committee from “Office Committee” to “Retiree/Emeriti Committee” was approved. It was also determined that there need to be two “office” committees, the first one comprised of RA board members, the second to be a campus-wide advisory committee to include representatives from the Emeriti Association, and the Staff Advisory Board. Dave will talk to EA President Michael Cowan about forming the second committee.

The proposed changes to the Leadership Roles description for Retiree/Emeriti Center Chair were approved to read: “...With the RA committee serves as a liaison to the campus-wide Retiree/Emeriti Center Committee Advisory Board...”

Nominating Committee Report  Lynn/Jan  (report distributed electronically)  The slate proposed for 2014-15:
President-Dave Dodson; Vice President-Brian O’Connor; Secretary-Nancy Pascal; Treasurer-Anita Diaz; CUCRA Rep-Mary Wells; Retiree center Chair-Jenny Anderson; Membership Chair-Lynne Wolcott; Program/Events Co-Chair-Corinne Miller; Newsletter Editor-Virginia Lee; Scholarship Chair-Maxine Lane; Telephone Communications Manager–Ilse Lopes; Electronic Communication/Website Manager-Jan Tepper; Benefits/Health Care Facilitator Liaison-Jerry Walters; Fund-Raising Chair-Mary Wells; 50th Anniversary Planning Co-Chairs-Jerry Walters, Nancy Pascal; Members at large-Barbara Dileanis, Lee Duffus, Dave Kirk.

Jenny moved that we accept the Nominating Committee Report as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

(Note: After the meeting we were notified that Patt Takeuchi agreed to serve on the Board as member-at-large.)

New board members Ilse and Patt will be invited to attend the June board meeting.
June 19th Retiree All The campus retiree recognition event will be held at the Cowell Provost’s House on June 19, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Dave is waiting to hear if Chancellor Blumenthal will be able to attend. Light refreshments will be served. RA/EA Center funding will be used to pay for the refreshments. Jenny will find out if we need to obtain prior authorization to use the funds for refreshments. Nick Royal has agreed to provide background music. The invitation will be sent to those who retired July 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014, plus those planning to retire up to September 2014. Invitees will include one guest per retiree. We hope to make this an annual event.

We also reviewed the upcoming May 20 Staff Appreciation Day at the East Field House. We staff a table from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with volunteers serving in shifts.

Send a delegate to AROHE Dave Dave proposes sending Jenny as our delegate to the AROHE conference. UCSC RA’s successful efforts in setting up a Center will be featured at the conference. Dave will talk with EA President Michael Cowen about his attendance at the conference. He and Jenny will also find out about funding the conference from Center funds. The proposal to send a delegate to AROHE was approved.

Extension of term of office Dave Our Bylaws, Article IV, Section II, (2), stipulate that an officer may serve no more than two consecutive two year terms, unless supported by a two thirds vote by the Board. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that Anita Diaz be elected to serve as Treasurer for a third term.

50th Anniversary Planning Jerry Report submitted electronically The Board endorsed that we continue working with the Staff Advisory Board (SAB) to plan a retiree recognition event for the 50th anniversary celebrations. Jerry will schedule meetings for our planning committee. Jerry will contact the Emeriti Association to see if they want to join us in planning. Names suggested include Stan Stevens and John Wilkes. We also want to be sure that non-Senate academics are included in planning and celebration.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

President Dave D. Dave is working to get internet connections for the office. The initial estimate runs $700-750. to connect. He is still waiting to hear from ITS.

Vice President Jenny Jenny asked for volunteers for the Staff Appreciation Day on May 20. Those who volunteered include Dave D., Lee, Jerry, Virginia, Lynne, Mary, and Nancy. Jenny will set up two shifts between 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Treasurer Anita The year to date budget report was distributed. Income and expenses are on target. Anita will see what the procedure is to reimburse the RA account from the Office account for the cost of office furniture.
Communications  Jan  No report

CUCRA  Mary  No Report

Health & Benefits  Jerry  Report distributed electronically. The March pre-retirement workshop was well attended. Mike Rotkin, Sharon Dirnburger, Lee Duffus served as panelists Dave Dodson served as a panelist and moderated the workshop. Jerry coordinated and facilitated the workshop.

Membership  Dave  K  No Report  Mary reported that the transition to the UR database is progressing. General discussion about the advent of the “rolling membership date” cycle. Any confusion should be alleviated after one year. The UCOP “dump” of new retirees was received March 3. These “dumps” will occur three times each year, August, December and March.

Newsletter  Virginia  Newsletter will be compiled and produced this week.


Scholarships  Maxine  Report distributed. Maxine pointed out that named scholarship gifts are assessed the 6% UR charge, therefore general scholarship donations must make up the difference to bring the amount awarded to students up to the $500. ($30. Is deducted from a $500 donation) The Endowment is short just $668 to reach the $50,000 goal.

Telephone Tree  Lynne  No Report

Fundraising  Mary  Report distributed electronically

The meeting was adjourned 3:15 pm.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

April 17, 2014 Arboretum Tour

May 6, 2014 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and Program: Mike Ryan Peace United Church of Christ 900 High Street, SC
May 20, 2014 Staff Appreciation Day
Retirees Table
East Field House

Board meeting
1 to 3 p.m., June 10, 2014  (note change in date)
Monarch Room, 2155 Delaware

June 19, 2014 SAB-New Retirees Reception
Cowell Provost’s House

July 5, 2014  Beach Clean-up