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Minutes April 7, 2015

Monarch Room, 2155 Delaware APPROVED AS CORRECTED

June 2, 2015

Members absent Patt Takeuchi, Jan Tepper

Call to Order Dave Meeting opened at 1:05 pm.

Secretary Nancy Minutes of February 3, 2015 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Retiree/Emeriti Center and Hiring Status Dave/Jenny/Corinne The office assistant position was reopened and two candidates have been interviewed, with two more to be interviewed later this week. The candidates are well qualified. The interview panel includes Sally Lester (STARS), Mary Silver (EA), Corinne, and Jenny. After a candidate is selected, Anita will contact the Chancellor’s Office staff to confirm that funding for this position is still available and determine what, if any restrictions may be placed on the funding. An Open House for the Kresge Office will be scheduled sometime after the beginning of Fall Quarter.

50th Anniversary Planning Jerry/Nancy (Report distributed) Members reviewed the report and discussed the proposal of hosting a brunch for all former faculty and staff as part of the Founders Weekend held on Saturday and Sunday, September 26-27. The board approved the proposal. Jerry and Nancy have scheduled a meeting for the planning committee on Wednesday, April 15.

Debriefing Soup and Scholarship Luncheon Everyone After discussion, it was decided that presentations for named scholarships should be very brief and we should have a printed program for the biographies of the individuals in whose name the scholarship is given. That will allow more time for the student veteran recipients to give their remarks. Our Soup Luncheon event is in conflict for parking with the Arboretum’s Community Day held on the first Tuesday of each month. We discussed moving the scholarship award luncheon from March to May, to help with the timing for the application and selection cycle. Students would receive their scholarship award at the end of Winter Quarter/beginning of Spring Quarter, but the formal presentations would take place in May. The board approved that for 2016, the speaker event would occur in March, and the scholarship event would be held in May at the Arboretum. Corinne will talk with Arboretum staff about the parking conflict holding our event and theirs on the first Tuesday and perhaps moving our event to the second Tuesday of May.

Maxine reported that she received thank you letters from some of the student scholarship recipients. One, from a student who was unable to attend due to was very moving.
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Planning for May Event  Everyone  Dave D. will be away for the May 5 event, Lee will be host/moderator if Patt is unable to attend. Jim Carter will introduce our speaker, John Dizikes. Lynne reported that John does not intend to “speak” but rather have a conversation with the audience. Lynne will talk with John to confirm his expectations. Corinne will extend an invitation to the Emeriti Association members; we expect a crowd for this special speaker. Corinne asks that volunteers arrive by 10:30 a.m. to help set-up the room.

Planning for “Welcome to Retirement” event  Everyone  Corinne said that the committee to plan the Welcome event has been successful. Committee members include Mary Silver (EA), Sharon Dirnberger, Dave Kirk, Nancy Moore and Michael Luttrell (Staff Advisory Board Chair). The committee will meet again before the June 18th event. Event time is 4 to 5:30 p.m. Chancellor Blumenthal is scheduled to attend and present certificates to the new retirees.

Barbara asked if there would be a photographer available for this and our other upcoming events. (Who) will check with Public Affairs office to see if a campus photographer is available?

Update of other RA events for spring and summer  Everyone  Friday, April 10 is the field trip to Filoli, arranged by Kathleen Rose Hughes. We discussed other possible events: exploring places in Santa Cruz; wine tour; whale watching; the SC Boardwalk. Lee and Dave D. suggested a program on “The Village”, aging in place. We also reviewed other (free) venues to hold our events, Santa Cruz Public Library, Scotts Valley Library, Community Foundation in Aptos

NEW BUSINESS

Update re: Future UC Healthcare Plans  Lee  Good News: There are no significant changes pending for healthcare plans for 2016. Discussions are underway and almost completed. Rumor has it that for 2017 (medicare?) will probably be integrated with the UC medical centers and hospitals. This creates a handicap for UCSC, UCSB, UC Merced and Livermore employees and retirees.
Bad News: There is considerable pressure on UC to reduce health care costs. It is strongly suggested that we reshape the language we use when talking about our health care and consider healthcare as “deferred compensation” rather than a benefit. The costs of drugs appear to escalate in cycles and we seem to be in an upward cycle at present.

Proposal for Membership Lapses  Lynne  Report distributed electronically  Now that we have “running” membership renewal dates, Lynne proposed a new scheme to handle unpaid m lapping membershipis. Her original proposal bimonthly review points to remind folks to
renue, along with a schedule to lapse an unpaid membership. After discussion, Lynne agreed to make her life easier, and to process reminders and lapses on a monthly basis. Overall, our membership numbers are growing with an increase in the number of life memberships. Lynne will post updated membership roster lists on the Retirees web site board members only internal page.

**Announcement of Possible Scholarship**  
*Mary, Dave K.*  
Report distributed electronically  
Mary, Dave K., and Sharon Dirnberger are working on the possibility of offering another scholarship through our Association. This scholarship could be available to current staff or to their children. Virginia Rivera and Sarah Schuster Kudela are assisting with the details of setting up this additional scholarship.

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

**President**  
*Dave D.*  
Dave reminded us that the nominating committee needs to fill the Vice President slot to be effective January 2016. We also need an Editor by January. Ilse is working on filling those slots.

**Vice President**  
*Patt*  
no Report

**Treasurer**  
*Anita*  
Anita distributed the Treasurer’s Report showing the budget through February. Anita and Martha Keeler (incoming treasurer) have met and started the transition so Martha can take over these duties effective July 1. is impressed at Martha’s e level of expertise with the accounting system.

**Program & Events**  
*Corinne*  
No additional report  
Lynne reminded the Nominating Committee that they need to find a replacement for her position on this committee.

**Newsletter**  
*Virginia*  
Articles for the April newsletter are due April 10. If she gets copy right away, Virginia will include a write-up and photos of the Filoli event. Will also include the scholarship luncheon with photos and other items of interest to our members. Jerry will write a brief announcement about the new plans for retirees and emeriti to celebrate UCSC’s 50th anniversary

**Communications/Membership**  
*Lynne*  
Report distributed. We have 284 members, with 53 new members this fiscal year.

**Fundraising**  
*Mary*  
Report distributed electronically  
See above.

**Phone Tree**  
*Ilse stated that this*  
is an easy job as Lynne does most of the work. There are fewer people who rely on phone contact.
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Health & Benefits  The February 24 pre-retirement workshop was successful with 15 attendees, fewer than last year. The panel included Sharon Dirnberger, Pam Hunt-Carter, Jim Carter and Virginia Lee. Next year Virginia will offer a segment “if you’re thinking about leaving Santa Cruz”.

Scholarships  Maxine Report distributed

There was a question about whether UC offers long-term care insurance. We think it is only offered through CalPERS, but Lee will survey CUCRA members whether they carry long-term care.

The meeting was adjourned 2:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by
Nancy Pascal, Secretary

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Spring Luncheon
Peace United Church
May 5, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Board Meeting
Monarch Room
June 2, 1 – 3 p.m.

Welcome to Retirement
Cowell Provost’s House
June 18, 4 – 5:30 p.m.