Minutes February 3, 2015 Monarch Room, 2155 Delaware

Members absent Barbara Dileanis, Lee Duffus, Jan Tepper

Guests Maurene Catto, Jean Fargo, Pamela Hunt-Carter, Martha Keeler

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

Introduction Patt introduced the guests/prospective board members: Maurene Catto (Chancellors Office, Jean Fargo (Staff HR), Pam Hunt-Carter (Registrar), Martha Keeler (Colleges, Housing and Educational Services)

Secretary Nancy Minutes of November 11, 2014 were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

New Board Members and Nominating Committee Patt / Dave K. (Report distributed) The Nominating Committee has been very successful. Five new board members will serve as Members-at-Large: Maurene Catto (Chancellor’s Office), Jean Fargo (Staff HR), Pam Hunt-Carter (Registrar), Martha Keeler (CHES), and Kathleen Hughes (Student Affairs Development Officer). Martha will serve as Treasurer in Training until she and Anita complete the transfer of duties, Jean will replace Jenny as the Chair of the Center Committee in the future, and Pam Hunt-Carter will replace Jerry for Health and Benefits, starting July 1. Jerry moved that the nominations be accepted. Maxine seconded the motion and the nominations/appointments were unanimously approved!

The report listed current members, new members and changes in offices and duties. Dennis Speer (Social Sciences) has also been nominated as a new board member but his appointment is pending until he comes to a meeting and is approved by the board. This would make a sixth new member. Dennis is interested in food service and may have ideas for the potluck social events and perhaps be interested in Co-chairing the Program and Events Committee. We may want to consult with Dennis about the upcoming 50th Anniversary event (i.e., less expensive options for a meal). Virginia plans to relocate by the end of this year, and will serve as Newsletter Editor through December 2015 if one of the new members does not pick up the Newsletter duties before then.

Update on Retiree/Emeriti Center and Hiring Status Dave/Jenny the candidate selected last year was not able to take the Assistant position. Dave and Jenny had numerous conversations with the President of OLLI to explore the possibility of creating a combined position to serve RA, EA and OLLI. The Board of Directors for OLLI did not approve this idea at their January meeting and so we decided to go ahead with hiring a .25 FTE for our position.
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The possibility of a joint position will be reviewed in the near future. In the meantime, Jenny will consult with Jean to launch the most expedient recruitment process to fill the position as originally written. Sally Lester will contact applicants from the original recruitment to see if they are still interested.

50th Anniversary Planning Jerry/Nancy (Report distributed electronically) We were unable to secure funding from the campus-wide 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, therefore the event proposed for Alumni Weekend, April 24, has been cancelled. The RA/EA planning committee will reconvene to continue planning efforts to mount an event during Founders Weekend, September 25-27, 2015. We will also contact the Staff Advisory Board (SAB) to see what plans they have for an event during September. Lynne will ask Jan to remove the April date from our website calendar of upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning for March and May Events Corinne/Lynne Corinne reports that all is set for the Scholarship Soup Lunch at the Arboretum on March 3. Volunteers to help with set up should arrive at 10:30 a.m. Don’t forget to bring soup, bowls, and utensils. Sally Lester (STARS) will be invited to attend the lunch. The May 5 luncheon program will feature John Dizikes, a founding faculty member of Cowell College.

Patt suggested Mas Hashimoto as a speaker for a future event, perhaps a “stand-alone” event. Mas covers the history of Japanese-Americans during the 1940’s Internment. It is a history that bears sharing with a wide audience. We would consider inviting Emeriti, the campus community and the public.

Planning for Welcome to Retirement Corinne/Lynne/Others The Welcome to Retirement event is set for June 18 at the Cowell Provost's House. Chancellor Blumenthal is scheduled to attend and make the presentations. Planning is already underway (ahead of last year) and will be easier due to Lynne's extensive schedules and notes from last year. The event requires a lot of volunteers; we should invite general members to join this effort, as it is very rewarding for all in attendance. Certificates will be provided to the new retirees.

Patt reported that Karalee Richter is working on an RSVP spreadsheet for the Welcome to Retirement event that will capture all the information we need about the retiree (name, department, date of retirement, attendance, guest, etc.) This program will be used to generate nametags, etc.

Update on other RA Events Lynne/Others Planning for the April tour(s) at Filoli is underway. Kathleen Hughes is excited about organizing this event. Tours are limited to 12 people. We hope to offer two tours. We discussed the pros/cons of a picnic lunch (off-site)
versus purchasing lunch at Filoli. The logistics of organizing one or two tour groups would be too complicated if we offer too many options, therefore we agreed that tour sign-up would include purchasing a lunch at Filoli.

The Warriors will not hold a UCSC Night this year. The Derby Girls is a preferred alternative. Corinne will obtain the information about dates and reserved seat ticket costs. We could probably have an open number of seats available. Lynne will send an eBlast as soon as the date and information is available.

Lynne reported that the trip to Año Nuevo was very successful. It was a sell-out with a waiting list. Faye Levinson was a wonderful docent. For future events, we may need to offer more than one tour.

Anita consulted with campus Accounting and worked out the previous concerns about collecting fees for this type of event. We now have an “agency account” to handle event fees.

The mushroom hunt is postponed. We were not aware that the proposed mushroom hunt leader charged a fee. Lynne will explore other options and propose a similar event for a future date. Martha Keeler and Jenny Anderson know possibilities for trip leaders who would not charge a fee for leading our group.

Response to PAMF-Blue Shield Concerns  Jerry  Dave was approached to circulate a petition to Chancellor Blumenthal about the PAMF and Blue Shield insurance mess. He advised the petitioner that the Chancellor was not the appropriate party to petition. After discussion we determined that our Association should not advocate on such matters. Of course as individuals we can advocate for any issue of our choice. Jerry thinks that UC is “red faced” about the insurance debacle, California legislators are considering a new law to require earlier resolution of insurance agreements, well before open enrollment starts each year.

Jerry was the 4th place winner in the “dress like 1965” event on campus. He wore his original madras jacket with appropriate thin tie. The photographic evidence will appear in the upcoming newsletter. Chancellor Blumenthal came in 5th in the costume contest.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

President  Dave D.  There are areas of concern that have developed in our here-to-fore good working relationship with the Emeriti Association. Their current EA President is not interested in supporting the previously approved joint Kresge College Center. Other members of the Emeriti Association are supportive.

Lee sent copies of the recent letter from Regents President Bruce Varner, which outlined the
present budget concerns. Governor Brown and UC President Napolitano are working as a committee of two to do a line-by-line review of the UC budget. Varner asks that we consider becoming UC Advocates. Jenny said this issue would be discussed at CUCRA. State budge cuts do not impact pensions, but may impact support for health care costs for retirees.

Dave D. and Lee met with Associate Chancellor Sahni about the delays in recruiting process for the RA/EA Center Assistant. Ashish was complimentary about the RA’s activities and thinks we are doing a good job.

**Vice President Patt**  Patt proposed adding a technology adviser position to the board. After discussion, Patt moved and Corinne seconded a motion to add a new leadership role “Technology Adviser” to the Board. The motion was approved. Karalee Richter is considering joining the board and this role would be perfect for her (and us). Patt will write the description of the position for our Leadership Roles document.

**Treasurer Anita**  Anita distributed the Treasurer’s Report showing the budget through December. Based on the rolling membership renewal dates, receipts do not follow previous years’ patterns. To date there have been no expenses for the Kresge Center.

**Program & Events Corinne, Lynne**  (Report distributed) Corinne said that it really helps to have a committee to help with planning and logistics. Given the increase in events and regularly scheduled social events, the job is too big for one person. Virginia suggested that a separate person be designated to handle and organize field trips, an activity coordinator versus the program chair. It was suggested that the new members-at-large be asked to take on the activity coordinator duties. After more discussion, we decided to continue with the current arrangement of co-chairs, with sub-committees appointed to help with planning and implementation. We are still hoping that one of the new board members will be one of the co-chairs.

**Newsletter Virginia**  Articles for the February newsletter are due February 9. Virginia will meet with Lee to fine-tune the copy.

**Communications/Membership Lynne**  Report distributed. The report compares this year against last year same time. We have 6 more members this year than last year at the same time. The report also shows the number of folks who have not renewed membership for this year. The reminder postcards sent following the November meeting resulted in 12 renewals. Lynne revised the on-line membership application to capture additional pertinent data: if not UCSC, identify other UC; clarify partner/spouse category, etc. Lynne asked that we consider setting guidelines for when to lapse a member for non-payment of dues. Lynne has finally gained access to the UR database. Again, after discussion, we decided not to pursue obtaining paid help to update the database. The decision is based on the need to preserve the
all of the original funding for the Center Assistant position.

**Fundraising**  Mary  No report  Mary will talk with new board member Kathleen Hughes about joining the fundraising effort.

**Phone Tree**  Ilse  All has been quiet on the phone front, until the next event.

**Health & Benefits**  Jerry  (Report distributed electronically) The pre-retirement workshop is set for February 24. The panel will be moderated by Dave Dodson and includes Sharon Dirnberger, Virginia Lee, Pam Hunt-Carter and Jim Carter.

**Scholarships**  Maxine  Report distributed  The scholarship committee is set to meet on February 13 at Maxine’s home. Candidates will be reviewed and selected.

The meeting was adjourned 2:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by
Nancy Pascal, Secretary

**Upcoming Events and Meetings**

**Scholarship Soup Luncheon**
Arboretum
March 3, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

**Board Meeting**
Monarch Room
April 7, 1 – 3 p.m.

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

**Filoli Gardens Tour**
April 10, time tba

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