

# UCSB EMERITI ASSOCIATION

## General Meeting

June 6, 2022

Present: Bill Ashby, Judy Gough, Loy Lytle, Bob Warner, Dan Little, Denise Bielby, Oliver Chadwick, David Hamilton, Howie Giles, Scott Cooper, Tom Gerig, Claudine Michel, Muriel Zimmer, Ellen Broidy

Special guests: Ilana Ormond, Michael Young

President Ashby began the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking members of the Program Committee for all the events they managed to arrange in the midst of COVID. "It's been a good year."

1. President's report – Bill Ashby
  - a. Survey of Emeriti Activity: Bill reported on the survey of Emeriti Activity 2018-2022 conducted by CUCEA. Emeriti make the "11<sup>th</sup> campus." The survey results are available on the EA website and include an infographic highlighting UCSB emeriti contributions. Hopefully, there will be an article in *The UCSB Currents* about the survey.
  - b. Emeriti Scholarship: EA awarded a scholarship to a UCSB Promise Scholar of \$2,500 a year. There is \$26,680 remaining in the Scholarship Fund. While we hope to raise additional funds, at this point it looks like we can support both a freshman Promise Scholar and a transfer student Promise Scholar.
  - c. Task Force on Emeriti Support: Bill reported on dissatisfaction with RASC on the part of emeriti and retirees. There is also an issue of how well UCSB supports its emeriti and retirees. Other campuses have greater levels of staff support to handle emeriti/retiree issues, including dedicated office space on campus.

Bill and VP Loy Lytle met with campus administration and the Subcommittee on Retirees of the Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare. Chancellor Yang agreed to charge a small task group to look into emeriti issues. This is taking some time to get going.

- d. CUCEA – Denise Bielby

Denise described the work of CUCEA for new members of EA, calling it a "high profile emeriti outlet" with a well-designed and informative website. Prior to COVID, CUCEA met twice yearly, (in normal times) once in the north, once in the south. It's unclear when/if CUCEA will meet in person again. UCSB is scheduled to host the spring 2023 meeting but as of this time, the meeting will be via zoom.

CUCEA focusing on RASC's seeming inability to process retirement applications, survivor benefits and benefits for retirees residing outside of California in a timely manner.

There is a lot of reorganization at RASC but significant problems remain.

The Joint Benefits Committee (JBC) made recommendations to a "UC Executive Officer" identifying 4 problem areas:

- Functionality of RASC's software
- Re-examination of provision of services to out of state retirees
- Pharmacy benefits, recommending that contract with Navitus, current provider for the UC Medicare PPO (Anthem Blue Cross) be reviewed
- Strategies for advising recalled retired on medical benefits

e. Thanks to members rotating off the Board; welcome to new members

Bill thanked Dan Little and John Wiemann for their service on the Board and welcomed newly elected members Judy Gough, Oliver Chadwick, Mary Nisbet, and Scott Cooper whose terms begin in July.

## 2. Officer and Committee Chair Reports

### a. Vice President (Loy Lytle)

Loy thanked Ellen P and Barbara Anderson who, along with Loy, did a presentation for pre-retirees.

He also thanked members of the Board for their service and Bill Ashby for his outstanding work as president of the Board.

### b. Treasurer – Bill Prothero

In Bill's absence, Bill Ashby gave the Treasurer report.

Starting balance in checkbook: \$16,779. This does not include the \$10,000 we turned over to the Development Office for the scholarship fund.

Dues income: \$1,235. Apparently our \$15 annual membership fee is the lowest in the UC system.

Expenses:

Bank fees: \$413.00

Scholarship donation: \$5,560 – after we made \$10,000 donation for Promise Scholar AROHE (Assoc. of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education): \$581 (which includes both annual dues and consultation fee).

Paid AROHE consultant fees to help us determine how best to approach Admin. about our concerns.

c. Secretary – Ellen Broidy

Sent several condolence notes to family members of deceased emeriti.

The UCSB Emeriti Association Oral History Task Force met once during spring quarter. The TF will meet again in early fall to continue discussing possible interviewees as well as format, and potential funding sources.

d. Membership Committee – Dorothy Chun

In Dorothy's absence, Bill Ashby gave the report.

It has been a challenge to obtain an accurate list of who is emeriti and who might be a potential member of the Association. Dorothy thinks we are almost there. She has been working hard on cleaning up the list of names and contact information. Once we have this cleaned up, the plan is for Board members to make personal outreach.

e. Nominating – Bob Warner

We had a successful "nominations season." Bob thanked the Board for helping to put together the slate. The slate of nominees was approved and elected officers and board members will begin their terms on July 1, 2022.

f. Program Committee – Dan Little, Simon Williams

Dan gave the report. Things have gone well, with a series of well-attended webinars, docent-led tour of Van Gogh exhibit, Margerum Winery, bike ride, dance recital (arranged by Howie Giles).

Committee goal is to enhance the social and cultural life of emeriti and provide service to the campus community.

Simon Williams will continue as co-chair; Muriel Zimmerman will replace Dan as co-chair.

3. Ratification of election of Board members (2022-2024)

Slate unanimously approved by membership.

#### 4. Approval of change in By-Laws regarding Honorary Membership

After an explanation of the difference between Honorary Members and regular members, Dan Little moved and Muriel Zimmerman seconded the change to the by-laws. All approved and bylaws were amended.

#### 5. Presentation on Planned Giving Opportunities – Iliana Ormond

Iliana Ormond, Senior Director Planned Giving for the Office of Development gave an overview of planned giving opportunities at UCSB.

Planned giving means gifts after the donor has passed away.

Ms. Ormond described the organization of her office and how her position communicates with fundraisers. She works on bequest language with potential donors to ensure that the money donated goes exactly where the donor intended.

Current emeriti planned gifts = \$24,400,680 – the largest portion of legacy commitment is in Arts and Humanities.

There are over 400 members of the Legacy Circle (couples as one member). Alumni make up the largest membership category; faculty and staff a bit lower.

Ms.Ormond pointed us to some helpful resources:

[www.plannedgiving@ucsb.edu](http://www.plannedgiving@ucsb.edu)

Gaucha Legacy e-newsletter (email Ms. Ormond at [iliana.ormond@ucsb.edu](mailto:iliana.ormond@ucsb.edu) to get on the mailing list)

Ms.Ormond can also provide emeriti with a Planned Giving Brochure.

#### 6. Welcome to Honorary Members of the UCSB Emeriti Association

Saving the best for (almost last), President Ashby introduced our first Honorary Member, retired Vice Chancellor Michael Young, describing Michael's work as VC and welcoming him to the Emeriti Association.

#### 7. Additional agenda items/announcements

- a. The Program Committee will meet over the summer to plan next year's activities. These may include: picnic at Shoreline Park, more bike rides.

- b. The Chancellor's Reception for New Retirees will take place in the fall. All faculty and staff who retired since 2019 will be invited. EA/RA group is looking for an appropriate outdoor venue.
- c. President Ashby thanked Ellen Pasternack for all she has done since coming on board.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Broidy  
Secretary, UCSB Emeriti Association