ERRC relocation

At the last two meetings, we reported that the ERRC would be moving in the next few months. Recently, after several months of making plans and working to identify an alternative location, we learned that we no longer will be required to move. Even though a lot of time was spent on the effort, this is very good news.

New ERRC Director

Ayesha Dixon, the new ERRC director, began her position on March 26. Sue Barnes will be at UCLA through April 30 to train and orient her. Ayesha holds both a Master of Public Administration and a Master of Gerontology from USC, and a BA in Sociology from Temple University. She has been involved in collaborations between multiple senior living communities and various universities, including UCLA, USC, and UCI, developing a diverse portfolio of events to serve multiple cross-disciplinary constituents. Most recently, Ayesha worked in the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, where her work included design and development of project protocols, data collection and analysis, and facilitation and contribution on research findings. Her experience in both the private and public sector has prepared her well to lead the ERRC and further strengthen the connections between emeriti, retirees, and the UCLA community. Ayesha can be reached at adixon@errc.ucla.edu.

Retiree programs

The ERRC has offered several programs for retirees and has worked on details for several upcoming programs:

- **Open Enrollment Presentations** (November 2 & 9, 2018)—We set up online registration, sent publicity and provided check-in services for these presentations by the UCLA Health Care Facilitator. Approximately 150 retirees attended these two workshops.
- **Volunteer Events** (various dates)—The ERRC forged a new partnership with LA Works’ RSVP (Retired Service Volunteer Program) to recruit UCLA retirees as volunteers for community service projects throughout the Los Angeles area. This has been a successful venture, which has increased the awareness in the community of our retirees’ commitment to the public service mission of the University.
- **De-Cluttering Workshops** (January 7 and January 25)—We offered these in Westwood as well as in the San Fernando Valley. The Belmont Village retirement communities in Westwood and Calabasas offer us their community rooms at no charge, including complimentary refreshments and valet parking.
- **Estate Planning** (February 15)—We collaborated with the University Credit Union to offer this workshop, which was very well received by the attendees. UCU provided complimentary refreshments.
  - **First Fridays Technical Tutorials**—We continue to offer these one-on-one tutorials every other month except in the summer (October, December, February, April, June) utilizing UCLA IT volunteers.
  - **Fidelity consultations**—We provide office space for the Fidelity representative to meet with employees and retirees several times per month.
- **Mrs. Block’s Recital** (Tuesday, May 14, 2019, Chancellor’s Residence)—Offered for the first time in 2018, this event will now be an annual event. Each spring, the chancellor’s wife offers a series of music recitals featuring UCLA graduate students from the Music Department. Upon request from the ERRC, one performance is now reserved just for retirees. Plans for the 2019 event are underway.
- **ERRC 50th Anniversary** (2019)—The ERRC’s 50th anniversary will coincide with UCLA’s centennial year. We have formed a planning committee that will finalize plans for recognizing the milestone.

Retirement planning classes

- **Path to Retirement workshops for staff** (January 16, 23, 30, 2019)—We once again collaborated with Campus Human Resources (CHR), the RASC and Fidelity to offer this series. Topics included UCRP, retiree health plans, Social Security, retirement income planning, non-financial transitioning issues and a panel of retirees. The workshops were well-attended (98 at session #1, 86 at session #2 and 63 at session #3).
Path to Retirement workshops for faculty (Fridays, March 2, 9, 2019)—We once again collaborated with the UCLA Faculty Retirement Liaison, CHR and Fidelity to offer this series for faculty; topics included UCRP, retiree health plans, retirement income planning and emeriti rights and privileges. This year, we experimented with a luncheon after the first session. Class participants were seated in tables roughly by discipline (medical school, humanities, sciences, etc.) and emeriti from those disciplines joined them to answer questions and offer advice. This new model was very effective and resulted in robust conversations over lunch. A total of 30 faculty attended session #1 and 46 attended session #2. Spouses/partners were also invited and each session had about 10 spouse/partner attendees.

Support for UCLA Retirees Association (UCLARA) and UCLA Emeriti Association (UCLA EA)

- Support for association programs and initiatives—We continue to provide support for both associations’ programs (monthly after-lunch programs, quarterly dinners, art shows, day trips, etc.), membership, newsletters, awards, sub-committees, publicity efforts and other initiatives.
- UCLA EA Emeriti Awards—We completed the processes for the 2019 Dickson Award, Goldberg Award and the UC-systemwide Panunzio Award.
- UCLARA Membership Management System—We continue to provide quite a bit of support for UCLARA’s new online membership and event management system.
- Website maintenance—We maintain and update the websites for both associations.
- Caregivers’ Support group and Merry Widows group—We continue to support the UCLA EA caregivers’ support group and widow/widower support group.

Communications/outreach

- Welcome to Retirement letters—We continue to send welcome letters to newly-retired faculty and staff each month, informing them of our services and encouraging them to join the associations.
- E-newsletter—We continue to send the ERRC retiree e-newsletter twice per month to 4,000+ retirees.
- Outreach to active faculty and staff—We participated in several outreach events in the past several months. At all of these events, we distributed our “Steps to Retirement” brochures, “Four Pieces of UC Retirement” flyers and UCLARA brochures and answered general retirement questions. These events have greatly increased awareness of the ERRC on the campus:
  - We continue to outline the ERRC’s services at Human Resources’ retirement planning workshops.
  - We collaborated with UCLARA to staff tables at several UCLA Health retirement and Benefits Fairs.
  - We staffed informational tables at the UCLA Travel Fair and the Small Business Fair.
  - Sue presented a Learn-at-Lunch workshop for Staff Assembly, “Tips & Tricks of Retirement Bliss.”

Miscellaneous

- CUCEA Emeriti Survey—Sue continued to provide technical support to John Vohs for the CUCEA survey project and coordinated with Sy Levin, the UCLA EA survey chair, to distribute the survey at UCLA.
- Archives—Even though we are not moving, the ERRC’s anticipated move provided the catalyst to start a project to digitize the archives for the ERRC, EA, RA and CUCEA. Work will continue on this project.
- Retiree privileges—We continue to facilitate retiree requests for parking permits with the Parking Office, ID cards with the BruinCard Office and email continuation with the Bruin OnLine Office.
- Notary services—We continue to offer free notary services for retirees and their spouses/partners.
- Survivor outreach—We continue to reach out to recent widows/widowers with cards and phone calls.
- UCLA Administrative Management Group (AMG)—Sue continued to serve as an AMG board member and to chair the AMG Marketing Committee. Her involvement has provided opportunities to collaborate with other departments and has facilitated increased awareness of the ERRC across the campus.
- Consultations with UCSB & UCR—Sue traveled to UCSB twice to meet with their retirees’ and emeriti association boards to discuss potential initiatives. She also assisted UCR in their efforts to establish a retirement center. She worked with the EA and RA boards to develop a workshop that she presented to UCR’s campus leaders (chancellor, provost, director of HR, director of Advancement and others) to outline the benefits to the campus of establishing a center. After the presentation, the provost sent a letter saying she is going to submit a 2019-2020 budget proposal to establish a center, on a three-year pilot basis, with a part-time director and space in a building that is currently under renovation.