

**UC Davis Retiree Center Report**  
**CUCRA/CUCEA Meeting, Fall 2016**

The UC Davis Retiree Center continues to support the UC Davis Emeriti Association (UCDEA) and UC Davis Retiree Association (UCDRA) efforts while also providing ongoing communication, engagement, information and resources for UC Davis retirees and those considering retirement.

**Transitions** – Since mid-April 2016, Becky Heard, Interim Director of the UC Davis Retiree Center has provided leadership and support. Sue Barnes resigned her UC Davis position at the Retiree Center to pursue a new leadership position with the retirement center at UCLA. During the transition Marjorie Ahl has continued to provide critical historical information, guidance and ongoing support to Becky, and to the UC Davis Retiree Center.

In terms of the management of the Retiree Center, a new position has been created, the Director of Affiliate Programs, and will soon be posted. A comprehensive recruitment effort will commence in the next month. This position will provide support to the UCDEA, UCDRA as well as the UC Davis Parent Council. The Director of Affiliate Programs will continue to oversee one FTE position with the Retiree Center, one FTE position with Parent and Family Programs as well as a future staff position with the UC Davis Health Systems. It is hoped that the Director of Affiliate Programs will be identified and seated in late 2016 or early 2017.

**Cal Aggie Alumni Relations** – The Retiree Center's organizational and reporting structure has been transferred to Assistant Vice Chancellor Richard Engel, Alumni Relations and Executive Director to the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. This change provides access a deeper bench of resources, expertise, and talent as well as direct access to the Assistant Vice Chancellor.

**10 Year Anniversary** – On Thursday, December 15, 2016 the Retiree Center will celebrate a special tenth anniversary. The anniversary celebration will be held in conjunction with the annual UCDEA and UCDRA Holiday Luncheon. A small committee has been established to help guide the celebration planning. A group of UCDEA and UCDRA members, whom were critical to the initial efforts to establish the Retiree Center, as well as key members of campus administration will receive special invitations and be honored as part of the program. A keynote presentation will be provided by Dean Emeritus Charles Hess.<sup>1</sup> Who will be recognized with a special award at the event to honor his UC Davis leadership as well as his written historical accounting of the process which led to the ultimate establishment of the Retiree Center in 2006.

**UCDHS Retiree Satellite Center** – A UCDHS satellite center has been approved by the UC Davis Health Systems campus in Sacramento. The intent of the satellite center is to provide UCDHS retirees with access to to resources and information and additional engagement opportunities and UCDEA and UCDRA.

**Shared Vision Statement** – The Retiree Center, UCDRA and UCDEA are coordinating development of a Shared Vision Statement designed to insure that both organizations conduct business in a manner that produces similar long-term results. This process is underway and will also include a response from Assistant Vice Chancellor, Richard Engel.

**New Retiree Reception** –The reception was held on June 23, 2016, to honor all faculty, academic, and staff who retired this past academic year (650 total). This event has proven to both enhance the mission of the Retiree Center in engaging recent retirees, and support the work of the associations. More than 170 new retirees were recognized for their contributions to the University of California during their careers.

**Retiree Resource Fair** – The Retiree Resource Fair was held on July 14, 2016, and gave retirees an opportunity to obtain their *AggieCard* and retiree parking permit, sign up for email forwarding, and connect

with a variety of campus departments and community organizations that serve older adults or recruit for volunteers. The fair was an overwhelming success, especially as an additional experience to the New Retiree Reception (above). Of the 999 retirees in the “class of 2015–2016” more than 65 retirees have joined the UCDBA and 8 emeriti have joined the UCDEA.

**Caregiving** - a special workshop for UC Davis retirees providing care for loved ones was held on July 28<sup>th</sup> and provided a presentation by the Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center (a local non-profit able to assist with caregiving resources and services). The event was attended by 20 retirees and was planned in conjunction with the UCDBA and the Retiree Center. The event was extremely well received and evidence of the need for additional programming. Subsequently, a special presentation is planned for November 30, 2016 entitled, “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End” which is based on the bestselling book by Atul Gawande M.D. This event is presented in conjunction with Yolo Hospice, as well as UC Davis Worklife and Wellness and the Retiree Center.

**Day Trips** - Retirees recently attended a successful tour of Levi Stadium on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Future engagement opportunities include a campus tour of West Village (the Net-Zero energy community within UC Davis), and a December trip to San Francisco to enjoy, “White Christmas, the Musical.” Additional events are planned for 2017. These experiences continue to showcase UCDEA and UCDBA membership benefits, opportunities, and engagement will remain a focus of future Retiree Center efforts.

**Joint UCRA/EA Joint Meeting** - The joint membership meeting of the two associations was held on Friday, October 21st, and was tremendously successful. The event was attended by approximately 150 retirees. UCDEA President Jo Anne Boorkman recognized outgoing UCDEA Executive Committee members and Dickson Award winners while UCDBA President Shelby recognized Hannah Chale, the 2016/17 UCDBA scholarship award recipient. Dr. Michael McCloud, a noted geriatric doctor and recent addition to the UC Davis retiree ranks was the keynote speaker and spoke about the Mini Medical School Program which he founded and which has garnered international attention.

**Retiree Communications** - The Center continues to provide ongoing weekly email communication which incorporates campus highlights, upcoming events and important updates to retirees through the distribution of the “Weekly Update.” The Center also recently distributed the annual newsletter which was mailed to 6,800 retirees for whom we do not have email addresses.

**Outreach** - In addition to tabling at the Thank Goodness for Staff events on the UC Davis and Health Systems Campus, staff recently attended the Quarter Century Club event to provide retiree information.

**Fidelity consultations** - Retirees continue to book appointments on both the Health Systems campus as well as the Health Systems Campus. These appointments provide unparalleled service and information to potential retirees.

**Transitioning to Retirement classes** - The Center will once again provide this four-session workshop to staff and faculty who are within five years of retirement. The workshops will be offered in early 2017 at each UC Davis campus. These popular workshops are only limited in popularity by room capacity and always result in a participant wait list as demand exceeds capacity.

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<sup>i</sup> Dr. Hess was the Chair of the UC Davis Nutrition Department from 2007 to 2009. He also served as Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences from 1975 to 1989. In 1989 he was appointed by the President to be the Assistant Secretary of Science and Education in the USDA. He also had two presidential appointments to the National Science Board, the governing board of the National Science Foundation. Upon his return to campus in 1991, he served as the Director of International Programs and has served as a special assistant to the Provost and Chancellor.