

ULARP Report to the Faculty Senate

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The ULARP Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, December 9th, at the University Club, at 11:30 AM. The discounted cost is \$15 per person. Interested retirees and retiree wannabes should register at <http://uoflalumni.org/2021-ularp-holidayluncheon> by December 1st.

At the 16 November 2021 meeting, the Board welcomed President Neeli Bendapudi (with Brian Buford, Jessie Murnock, Maria Barzun, and Ian Norris). She reviewed her three years at U of L and highlighted a number of recent successes and long term accomplishments. She and the Board engaged in productive discussion about issues that concern retirees, including the difficulty of communicating with retirees since access to contact information is denied, the omission of retirees from groups that receive university information and marketing, and the lack of retiree access to university systems that include benefits. President Bendapudi noted that she plans to send a letter to recent retirees inviting them to opt-in to ULARP, that Workday modules will soon allow retirees who have U of L Benefits to participate in open enrollment, and that she has asked Brian Buford to add the retiree demographic to notices to and surveys of the university community. In addition, she will encourage university departments to communicate with and celebrate their retirees.

The ULARP Winter Newsletter will include a report on the holiday luncheon, an article about the implementation of Workday, a synopsis of the meeting with President Bendapudi, and a reminder about dues renewal.

The Board voted to continue its Monthly Coffees (second Friday of each month, 10-11:30 AM) at the University Club, through May. Board members present were: Mike Byrne, Michael Cuyjet, Bev Daly, Brenda Hart, Sande Johnson-Byers, Patrick Murphy, Carol Olorunsola, Kathy Pendleton, Mary Rising, and Elaine Wise. The next meeting of the ULARP Board is January 18, at 10 AM.

Happy Holidays!