

ULARP Report to Faculty Senate 2.2.2022

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At its 18 January meeting, the Board welcomed Michele Shelton, President of the A&S Dean's Council. Having explained the purpose and function of the Council, she invited members of ULARP to connect with the Council's activities, especially mentoring programs for students and faculty. She will compose a short invitation for the ULARP Spring Newsletter.

ULARP's U of L contact has transitioned from HR to the Employee Success Center. Since getting contact information for new and older retirees remains a huge problem, Brian Buford suggested that the group set up a chat forum which members could join to gather information on changes in insurance coverage and other important data. The Board authorized so doing. An important question was raised as to whether insurance coverage for a spouse continues when a retiree dies. HR and IT have different responses, so Brian will try to get a definitive answer.

At its 12 6 21 meeting, the Benefits Design Workgroup discussed unused leave for retirees. Must payment be taken in a lump sum according to policy or may it be used over time to keep health insurance. HR's transition guide so suggests. Resolution is sought.

At the Holiday Luncheon on December 9, 2021, President Mary Rising recognized ULARP Board Members and welcomed attendees, along with special guests, Dr. Toni Ganzel (Health Sciences Campus), Josh Hawkins and Nakia Strickland (University Advancement), Tracey Coke (University Printing), Sarah Robertson (Human Resources) and Brian Buford (Employee Success Center). Over 70 members and guests attended.

Thanks to the U of L Alumni Office, U of L Association of Retired Personnel members (and one guest) are invited to attend the U of L women's basketball game at 2pm on Sunday, February 20 when we play Virginia Tech. There will be a pre-game pizza party at Bearno's (131 W. Main Street) starting at noon.

Interim President Lori Gonzalez will join ULARP for its June 9 Business Meeting and Luncheon at the University Club.

Dale Billingsley will join the ULARP Board at its February meeting as a faculty representative.

ULARP is resuming membership renewals for calendar year 2022. The membership fee remains \$15 for a one-year membership and \$150 for a lifetime membership.

Coffee and Conversation in the Pub at the Club will continue on the second Friday of each month from 10-11:30 am throughout the Spring semester. Coffee and pastries are provided.

ULARP sends its sympathy to the family of Prof. Rod Barber, Kent School, former ULARP Board member who passed away on December 18, 2021.