

ULARP Report to the Faculty Senate 5 4 22

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At its 19 April 2022 meeting, the Board approved the March minutes, noting that President Mary Rising continues to represent ULARP on the Benefit Design Workshop, which will meet on 20 April to discuss insurance for 2023. Members in attendance were: Dale Billingsley, Bev Daly, Brenda Gunn, Sande Johnson-Byers, Patrick Murphy, Carol Olorunsola, Mary Rising, and Elaine Wise. Brenda Gunn was welcomed back. Michael Cuyjet, Brenda Hart, and Kathy Pendleton were absent.

The rumored loss of U of L retiree email accounts remains a major concern of ULARP. President Bendapudi had not mentioned closing email to retirees when she met with the Board in November. To gather evidence, President Rising has asked a project group to construct a document, voicing concerns and providing data. To that end, the project group is investigating the numerical data that pertains to U of L retirees and is researching the email policies of sister and benchmark institutions (private/state). The group is studying the level of access, nature of access, renewal of access, and cost of access as well as manner of presentation of email benefits to their respective university communities.

President Rising reported on the progress of developing an electronic payment option for membership dues. The form is in process of being designed. Also under discussion is a Membership Directory, perhaps printed by the Alumni Office or Employee Success Center.

The Board reviewed the ULARP Welcome Letter, deciding that it needs an update in order to more clearly emphasize its advocacy role. This letter, in addition to association newsletters, emails, Wellness Seminars, and social activities, represent the face of ULARP. Mary will ask Brian Buford to include a link to the Welcome Letter and most recent newsletter in his correspondence with new retirees. The April newsletter included photos and links for event registration as well as to the membership form. Sande Johnson-Byers will follow up with Brian regarding the Welcome Letter.

As the ULARP liaison with Faculty Senate, Elaine Wise reported on issues addressed at the last meeting of Faculty Senate. The Conflict of Interest in Employment Policy remains of interest to retirees. She also noted that although the Easter Brunch at the University Club was a great success (326 attendees), the Club is struggling.

Since that time (at the end of April), Aramark has withdrawn its regular services at the University Club. It will continue to cater events at the Club that were already scheduled—through the end of the year. Member lunch dining and pub service are canceled through May, and perhaps longer, as the Club Board considers other options.

ULARP Future Events:

May 11, 11 am: Dr. Josephine Gomes, Wellness Seminar (Preventing Falls), U Club

May 20, Baseball Outing, coordinated by Alumni Association

June 9, Annual Meeting and Luncheon with Interim President Gonzales, U Club

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