

ULARP REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE

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At the 17 May 2022 meeting, chaired by Mary Rising, the Board voted to send a detailed letter to Interim Provost Bradley, expressing concerns about the possible loss of email privileges by U of L retirees. The Board reviewed a chart (prepared by several members) that offers comparison with other ACC and benchmark institutions. Among most peer institutions it is standard practice to keep retiree accounts open. The letter addresses the clear benefits to the University of continuing to support email accounts for those retirees who choose to remain connected. Of the University's 77,000 plus active email accounts, 1844 of them belong to retirees, not counting retirees whose U of L email is forwarded to new outside accounts but with no access to U of L services.

ULARP is seeking to access a means whereby members can pay dues electronically, and whereby email, minutes, records, and databases can be electronically preserved.

ULARP is requesting that Brian Buford include a welcome letter from ULARP to new retirees when he sends out correspondence to them. This letter would direct potential new members to the ULARP website.

The ULARP site in HR needs updating, so Sande Johnson-Byers will revise the information in the HR Retiree Guide to include phone numbers for the current President and Membership Chair.

Reports from the Benefits Design Workgroup and HRAC representatives indicated that HR is working on the expansion of the Rx network and of various benefits. Workday has been extended to January 2023, and Open Enrollment is October 3-14, with an Explore Your Benefits mailer to go out in June.

The Wellness Seminar on Preventing Falls, led by Patrick Murphy, was a rousing success, with over 30 folks in attendance. The Baseball outing scheduled for May 20 drew around 20 members, and the Annual Business Luncheon (featuring Interim President Gonzales) promises to be a gala event on June 9, at the University Club.

The Board will resume meetings on Tuesday, August 16, at 10 am, location to be determined.

Attending: Dale Billingsley, Michael Cuyjet, Bev Daly, Brenda Gunn, Brenda Hart, Sande Johnson-Byers, Patrick Murphy, Carol Olorunsola, Kathy Pendleton, and Mary Rising. Absent: Elaine Wise